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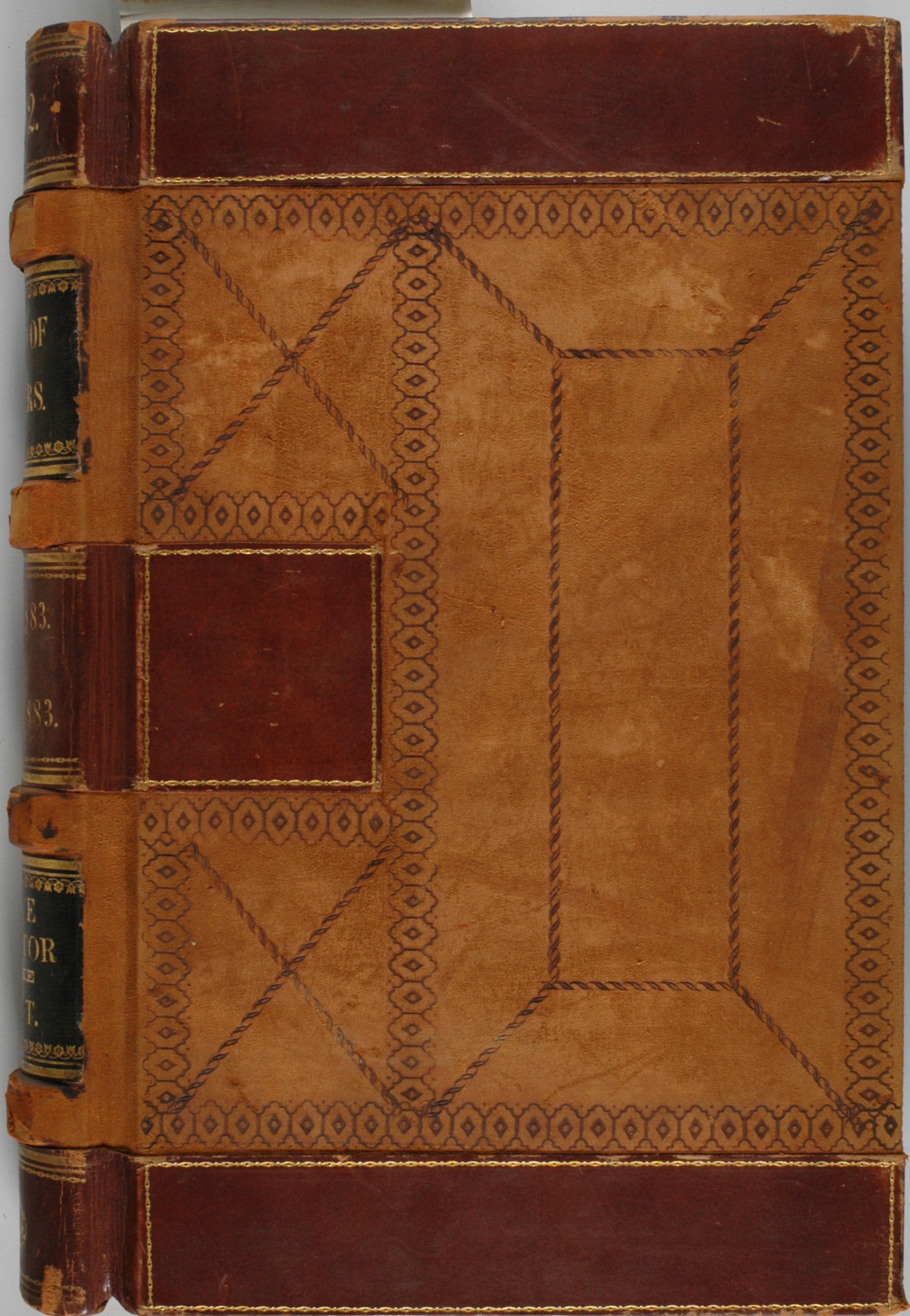
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✓ Weekly Intu Mountain. 461.
✓ Washburn, W. S. 500.

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✓ Zimmerman & Porchay. 96. 128, 194, 480.

Telegram.

Supt. Mint.

March 6th 1883.Philadelphia

✓ Please send to day by Express Fifty Dollars in new five cent pieces. Draft by mail.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quitor. ✓

American Tube Works.March 6th 1883.

97 State Street.

Boston.

Gentlemen.

✓ I will thank you to inform me if the seamless copper canisters you were requested in my letter of Jan. 3rd to manufacture and deliver to Major S. J. Eckerson Quartermaster U. S. Army at Boston, for shipment to the Mint of the U. S. at San Francisco, have been manufactured and delivered as requested; if not how soon will you be able to do so, as the canisters are required for early use.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quitor. ✓

Supt. Mint

March 6th 1883.New Orleans.

Sir:

✓ The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

- 1 Book of Assayers Memoranda of Silver Transfers.
- 1 Register of Gold Ingots.
- 1 Register of Silver Ingots.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard. ✓

Supt. Mint.

March 6, 1883.

New Orleans.

Sir:

✓ Your letter of the 2nd instant enclosing statement of silver purchased during the month of February 1883 has been received.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burghard.

Quictor. ✓

Supt. Mint.

March 6, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

✓ Your letter of the 5th inst. transmitting statement of minor coinage operations for the month of February 1883 has been received.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burghard.

Quictor. ✓

Supt. Mint.

March 6, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

✓ Enclosed herewith find draft on Assistant Treasurer U.S. Philadelphia for \$50. in payment for a like amount of five cent nickel coin you were requested by telegraph to forward to this office.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burghard.

Quictor. ✓

Supt. Mint.

March 6, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

✓ In reply to your letter of the 5th inst. asking whether the statement of nickel consumed in the

United States Mints up to December 31, 1882, should include only the pure nickel (in cubes or grains) purchased from the contractor or in addition to this the amount of nickel contained in the five cent planchets in former years. You are requested to make a separate statement if practicable, of each, and of the total amount thus consumed.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director. ✓

J. R. Pell & Co.

March 6, 1883.

Burnings Springs, N. Va.

✓ Gentlemen:

Your letter of the 26th ult. addressed to the Hon B. Wilson, M.C. has been by him referred to me for reply. You will find the desired information in the enclosed Circular.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director. ✓

Hon R. W. Townsend.

March 6, 1883.

House of Representatives.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayers report upon the sample of Ore sent to this Office for assay.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director. ✓

Albert Williams Jr. Esq.

March 6, 1883.

Geological Survey.

Sir:

I have requested the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint to furnish a statement of the amount of crude nickel consumed by the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

up to December 31. 1882.

He writes that he is preparing such statement, and desires to know whether the statement should "include only the pure nickel (in cubes or grains) purchased from the contractor or in addition to this the amount of nickel contained in the five cent planchets in former years, large quantities of which were delivered for re-coining."

Please advise me of your wishes in this respect.
Very truly yours.

Horatio C. Burdard.
Quincy.

L. Beaumont. Esq.

Tillicumville Pa.

March 7. 1883.

Sir:

Your letter of the 19th ult. addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury asking for information regarding the production of the mines of Alaska, and whether the Government is fitting out an expedition to go to Alaska, has been referred to me.

I am not able to give you at present detailed information respecting the mines of Alaska.

Mr. J. B. Valentini estimates that their yield last year was \$250,000, upon what date I am not advised. I have no knowledge of any Expedition being fitted out by the Government for Alaska. I mail you a copy of my report on the production of the precious metals of the United States for 1860.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burdard.

Quincy.

James C. Fargo, Esq.

March 7th 1883.

President American Express Co.

65 Broadway, New York.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 6th inst. offering to transport gold bullion from the U.S. Assay Office at Helena, Montana, to the U.S. Assay Office at New York, or the Mint at Philadelphia at the rate of ten dollars per thousand, and in reply I have to state that your offer will be duly considered, and in due time you will be advised of the action thereon.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Buichard.

Director.

Messrs Merchant and Co.

March 7. 1883.

525 Arch Street.

Philadelphia.

Gentlemen.

Your offer to supply five tons of ingot copper for the U.S. Mint at Carson, Nevada, is respectfully declined.

Referring to so much of your letter as relates to remittances for two car-loads of spelter shipped the San Francisco mint, I have to state that you will receive a draft for the amount in a few days.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Buichard.

Director.

C. M. Moreman, Esq.

March 7, 1883.

Genl. Supt. Pacific Express Co.

Omaha.

Sir,

I will thank you to furnish this Office with the lowest price per thousand at which you will transport.

gold bullion from the U.S. Assay Office at Helena,
Montana, to the U.S. Assay Office at New York.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

March 7, 1883.

New Orleans.

Sir;

I desire to call your attention to a letter from this office under date of the 19th ultimo, in relation to an overcharge on 5 gallons of turpentine purchased from J. L. Lyons and covered by one of the warrants of your Ordinary Expense Account for the month of January 1883.

I will thank you to give it immediate attention.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

March 7, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

Enclosed herewith find draft on the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at Philadelphia for \$41.50 for which I will thank you to return to this Office one set of gold coins of the coinage of the current calendar year.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.
Philadelphia.

March 7. 1883.

Sir

I have to request that you will cause to be prepared and transmitted to the Mint at San Francisco the following coins for the current calendar year;

20 Standard Dollar Obverse.

20 " " Reverse.

10 Double Eagle Obverse.

10 " " Reverse.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Messrs Pope Cole & Co.
57 South Gay St.
Baltimore.

March 7th 1883.

Gentlemen,

Your offer to deliver five tons best ingot copper, free on board to the Quartermaster U. S. Army at Chicago for shipment to the U. S. Mint at Carson Nevada, at sixteen and one-quarter cents per pound, is accepted.

I will thank you to deliver the same as early as practicable to Col. C. H. Tompkins, Quartermaster at Chicago and transmit your account, receipted in duplicate, to this office, accompanied by his receipt for the copper.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

W. B. Patten Esq.
Cheyenne.
Wyoming

March 7. 1883.

Sir;

I have received your letter of the 2nd inst. relative to the value of old coins. This Office has no inform-

ation in regard to the value of coins, other than their intrinsic value, and I refer you to Messrs. Scott and Co. 146 Fulton St New York who can furnish you with a list of prices.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

March 7, 1883.

San Francisco.

Sir;

I have received your letter of the 28th ultimo making requisition for dies for the current calendar year, and have instructed the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia to cause the same to be prepared and transmitted to you at an early date.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

March 7, 1883.

San Francisco.

Sir;

I have received your letter of the 28th ult. stating that the value of the silver assay coins for 1882 to be transferred from the Bullion Fund of your Mint to that of Philadelphia was \$4.625 instead of \$4.624 as stated in my letter of the 20th ultimo.

In reply I have to state that at the annual assay upon opening the packages and counting the coins forwarded by you to the Philadelphia Mint, one package marked chiron, and stated on your return for the quarter ended September 30, 1882 to contain twenty-four silver dollars, from the delivery of \$48,000 on the 19th of August 1882 was found to contain only twenty three pieces.

hence the difference between the amount claimed by you
as forwarded and the amount \$4,624 transferred.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Assayer in Charge.
St Louis

March 7, 1883.

Sir;

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your
institution during the month of March 1883 has been ap-
proved for the sum of \$451.40 payable from the following
appropriations made for the support of your office during
the current fiscal year viz:

Salaries	1883	\$ 301.40
Wages of workmen	"	} 150.00. \$451.40
Contingent Expenses.		

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director

Col. Charles W. Tompkins.

March 7, 1883.

Deputy Quartermaster Genl. U.S.A.

Chicago.

Sir;

I have requested Messrs Pope, Holt and Co. of Balti-
more, to deliver to you five tons of copper for ship-
ment to the U. S. Mint at Carson, Nevada, which I
will thank you to receive and forward as provided by
General Orders No 66, dated July 24, 1876.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Messrs. Nathan Lotter and Co.

March 7, 1883.

36 North Front Street.

Philadelphia.

Gentlemen:

Your offer to supply five tons of ingot copper for the U. S. Mint at Carson, Nevada, is respectfully declined.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Telegram

Anglo Californian Bank,

March 8, 1883.

San Francisco, Cal.

Your offer accepted.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed

Director.

Similar telegram sent to.

Telegram

James B. Colgate & Co.47. Wall St. New York." ✓ Daniel Meyer.San Francisco, Cal." ✓ Nevada Bank.San Francisco Cal.

Telegram

Boston & Colorado Smelting Co.

March 8, 1883.

Denver, Colorado.

Your offer accepted for New Orleans at one hundred eleven and twenty-eight hundredths cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed

Director.

Telegram

Nandy & Cronie.March 8th 1883.

24 Nassau Street.

New York.

Eighty thousand ounces of your offers accepted for New Orleans, other declined.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Director.

Telegram

J & W. Seligman & Co.
New York.

March 8. 1883.

Of your offers Twenty five thousand ounces accepted at one hundred eleven and one quarter cents per ounce fine, and Twenty five thousand ounces at one hundred eleven and thirty hundredth cents per ounce fine. Others declined.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Quictor.

Telegram

Supt. Mint.

March 8. 1883.

New Orleans.

Receive from Boston and Colorado Smelting Co., fifty thousand ounces at one hundred and eleven and twenty eight hundredth cents per ounce fine. from Nandy & Co. eighty thousand ounces at one hundred eleven and thirty four hundredth cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Quictor.

Telegram

Supt. Mint.

March 8. 1883.

San Francisco.

Receive from Nevada Bank seventy thousand ounces, from Anglo Californian Bank thirty thousand ounces and from Daniel Meyer thirty thousand ounces all at one hundred and eleven cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Quictor.

Supt. Mint.

March 8. 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

I enclose herewith draft on the Assistant Treasurer at Philadelphia payable to your order for \$40. for which I will thank you to send me a like amount of new five cent nickels.

Very respectfully, Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

Supt. Mint.

March 8. 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for, as may be preferred, either in silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in silver dollars, to wit: of, —

<u>J & W. Seligman & Co</u>	25,000 ounces, at \$1, 112½,
" " "	25,000 " " \$1, 1130
<u>J B. Colgate & Co</u>	75,000 " " \$1, 1130

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Buschard,

Director.

Supt. Mint.

March 8. 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

I will thank you to forward to this Office as soon as practicable the following statements for the month of February 1883. viz:

✓ Meltor & Refiners Statement of Bullion Balances No. 219.

Coiners statement of Bullion Balances No 220.

Cashiers statement of Coin Balances belonging to Bullion accounts No 222. a.

Superintendents Statement of Balances of Bullion and Coin No 223.

Cashiers statement of Balances ^{Receipts} and Payments No 224

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Buschard,

Director.

Supt. Mint.

March 8, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir,

I have received from Mr Walter Williams of the Geological Survey, the enclosed copy of answer to your inquiry of the 5th instant, which I submitted to him.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director. ✓

Supt. Mint.

March 8, 1883.

San Francisco.

Sir,

The coins received at your Mint during the month of February for special assay and forwarded to this Office have been received. viz:

6 Double Eagles. \$120.

7 Standard Silver Dollars 7.

Total Value \$127.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director. ✓

Supt. Mint.

March 8, 1883.

San Francisco.

Sir,

Your letter of the 1st instant is received. I return you the weigh Clerk's statement of the bullion in his hands at the close of business on the 28th ultimo, in order that the standard weight and value of the gold and silver contained in the deposits described on his statement may be returned on form 226. It is necessary that I should have the statement of the ounces of bullion at standard fineness instead of gross weight.

In preparing the form I was aware that the weigh Clerk could not at the close of business on the last

day of the month, report the ounces of gold and silver bullion at standard fineness in his possession, as the Assayer's report upon the fineness of some deposits might not then have been reported to him; nor the standard weight have been calculated and entered in his weigh book, but he could take an account of the deposits and bars, and on the next or succeeding day, fill up the standard weight.

If you examine forms 219, 220, 222, and 226 and compare them with form 223, you will perceive that the operative officers, Cashier, and Weigh Clerk's statements account for all the coin and bullion except "snippets" that at that date, according to your statement on form 223, should be in the Mint.

This and other forms to be filled out at the close of the month will be valuable for your own information as well as mine, as to the condition and actual possession of the bullion and funds in your hands belonging to the Government.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Assayer in Charge.

March 9, 1883.

Genl. Col.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of March 1883 has been approved for the sum of \$1500, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz.

Salaries	1883	\$ 1,000.
Wages of Workmen	"	1,000
Contingent Expenses.	"	500. <u>\$2500</u>

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Assayer in charge.

March 9. 1883.

Helena, Mont.

Sir;

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of March 1883 has been approved for the sum of \$2500 payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Office during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1883, \$	<u>700.</u>
Wages of Workman	"	<u>800.</u>
Contingent Expenses	"	<u>1,000.</u> <u>\$ 2500</u>

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

J. W. Nelffrich Esq.

March 9. 1883.

City of Mexico.

Dear Sir;

I have your letter of the 20th ult. and the one, two, and five cent nickel which you enclosed for which you will please accept my thanks.

I am glad to hear from you, and that you are so successfully executing the contract to coin nickels for the Mexican Government. I enclose you two (2) four cent nickel coins now being issued from the Mint at Philadelphia.

Very truly yours.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Assay Office.

March 9. 1883.

New York.

Sir;

Your letter of the 8th instant enclosing statement of gold bars exchanged for gold coin during the month of February 1883 has been received.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

March 9, 1883.

New Orleans.

Sir;

I thank you for the promptness with which you have rendered Forms 219, 220, 222, 223 and 225, and regret the necessity of returning Forms 222 and 223 for January for correction.

The Melted and Refiner's statement Form 219, shows the balance of silver bullion on hand January 31st to have been 808.335.54 standard ounces. Your statement, Form 223 shows the balance of silver bullion in the hands of the Melted and Refiner at that date to have been 831.848.17 standard ounces.

I will thank you to have the necessary corrections made that the forms may agree.

I have also to call your attention to the fact that in Form 223 you report the balance of gold coin on hand as being only \$6.115.22 and make no mention whatever of the \$18,000 of the November coinage which you were instructed by the Director to hold until further orders. This sum should have been included in your statement of the amount of gold coin on hand. Your balance of gold coin January 31st is reported on Form 222 as only \$6.115.22 whilst with the amount referred to the balance would have been about \$21,000.

You also fail to state on Form 222, a, the amount of silver dollars exchanged for gold coin. If it is practicable, I will thank you to state the amount so exchanged under the head of standard silver dollars and make the corresponding entry under the head of gold coin.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.
Philadelphia.

March 9, 1883.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for your information a copy of a letter from Henry Sanford, Genl. Supt. Adams Express Company, to the Secretary of the Treasury, making alteration in that clause of the contract relating to the transportation of gold coin and bullion, reducing cost from $\frac{25}{100}$ to $\frac{17}{100}$ and also that clause of the contract relating to silver coin and bullion, an alteration of figures from $\frac{60}{100}$ to $\frac{40}{100}$.

Other provisions of contract relating to the transportation of gold and silver coin and bullion remaining unchanged. The offer of Express Company has been accepted by the Secretary of the Treasury to take effect from the 1st inst. You will therefore be governed by the modifications in the contract, in making payments for transportation of gold and silver coin and bullion from that date.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Bruchard.

Director.

Similar letter sent to

Supt. Mint.

New Orleans, La.

R. C. Stone, Esq.

March 9, 1883.

New York.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 8th inst is received. I have already sent you my Annual and Special reports, and have yet nothing additional except my statement made before the Committee on Coinage Weights and Measures, of which I send you a copy.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Bruchard.

Director.

David A. Wells Esq.

March 9, 1883

Norwich Conn.

My dear Mr. Wells:

I thank you for the letter from Mr
Thompson Nantkey and the accompanying enclosure of
Mr Cesale's article from the Bullionist. I agree with the
latter in some of his views, especially with the thought
underlying his argument, that the demand created by
legislation for the use of silver as money by giving
the owner the right to have it coined, and to pay
it out in the same manner as gold at a valuation
fixed by law has had more to do in the past
with the market value of gold and silver than the
comparative production of the two metals.

But when he attributes the import of gold during
the last three years to a deficient currency in this
country and an insufficient amount to do the bu-
siness, instead of its shipment here to settle bal-
ances due for excess of exports over imports, I can-
not agree with him.

I enclose you copy of statement lately made
by me to the House Committee on Coinage Weights
and Measures, which contains on page 3, some
tables showing the increasing circulation of the
country and on page 14, my answer to Mr Nazul-
tini, as to what causes a movement of the pre-
cious metals from one country to another.

I am very truly yours.

Horatio C. Bruchard.

Assayer in Charge.

March 10, 1883.

Boise City.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of
your institution during the month of March 1883 has
been approved for the sum of \$650. - payable from the

following appropriations made for the support of your Office during the current fiscal year. viz:

Salaries	1883	<u>\$258.30</u>
Wages of workmen.	"	} <u>391.70</u> <u>\$650.00</u>
Contingent Expenses.	"	

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director

Supt. Mint.

March 10, 1883.

Carson, Mo.

Sir:

Your Requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of March, 1883 has been approved for the sum of \$10,500.— payable from the following ^{appropriation} made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries.	1883	<u>\$2500.</u>
Wages of workmen	"	<u>6000</u>
Contingent Expenses.	"	<u>2.000</u> <u>\$10,500.</u>

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

March 10, 1883.

Carson City.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary, and Refinery Expense Accounts with Abstracts and Vouchers for the month ending January 31st-1883.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

March 10. 1883.

Carson City

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$1,000. to meet the expenses of the refining in connection with your institution during the ^{present} month, payable from the appropriation for "Parting and refining bullion".

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

March 10. 1883.

Carson City

Sir:

Your letter of the 2nd instant enclosing Miller and Refiners and Coiners (Forms 219 & 220) reports of receipts and deliveries during the month of February 1883 has been received.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

March 10. 1883.

Carson City

Sir:

Your letter of the 3rd instant enclosing statement of silver purchased during the month of February 1883 has been received.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

March 10, 1883.

New Orleans.

Sir:

Your letter of the 7th inst enclosing the following re-
ports for the month of February 1883, has been received.

viz: 222. A. Cashier's Statement of Com.

Balances Receipts and Payments.

224 Cashier's Statement of Balances.

Receipts and Payments on account of
Appropriations.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Assay Office.

March 10, 1883.

New York City.

Ref. No. 1947 for \$ 387.43 being on account of charges col-
lected, other than Refining, enclosed in your communica-
tion of the 7th instant has been received, properly endor-
sed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal
credit to be given you in your Bullion accounts, and
the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a misce-
laneous receipt.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Assay Office.

March 10, 1883.

New York City.

Sir:

Ref. No. 1948 for \$ 6428.14 being on account of Refining
charges enclosed in your communication of the 7th instant
has been received, properly endorsed and forwarded to
the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you
in your Bullion accounts and the amount to be covered
into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for

"Parting and Refining Bullion".

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard.
Quicksilver.

Supt. Mint.

March 10, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

1000 Reports of minor coin deliveries. #153.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.
Quicksilver.

Supt. Mint.

March 10, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

Cep. I. No 5698 for \$1078.33 being on account of Refining charges enclosed in your communication of the 6th inst has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for "Parting and Refining bullion".

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.
Quicksilver.

Supt. Mint.

March 10, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

Cep I No 5699 for \$153.03 being on account of charges collected, other than Refining enclosed in your communication of the 6th instant has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury.

personal credit to be given you in your Bullion accounts,
and the amount to be credited into the Treasury as a mis-
cellaneous

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

March 10, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

Your letter of the 9th inst. enclosing Melters & Refiners and
Coiners (Forms 219 and 220) reports of receipts and de-
bitures during the month of February 1883 has been re-
ceived.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Assayer in Charge.

March 10, 1883.

Denver, Col.

Sir;

In reply to your letter of the 6th instant requesting
permission to go to Washington on official business,
I have to say, that permission as requested, is hereby
granted you.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

A. L. Stutler Esq.

March 10, 1883.

Supt. Stationery, Printing & Blanks.

Sir;

I will thank you to cause the cancellation of requisition
for 1000 Memorandums of silver bullion deposited made by this
office on the 11th of Dec. last. I enclose sample sheet with copy
of the proof submitted.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard, Director.

Assayer in charge.
Boise City.

March, 12, 1883.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense account with abstracts and vouchers for the month ending February 28, 1883.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.
Carson City

March 12, 1883.

Sir,

Your letter of the 5th inst enclosing statement (Form 223) of Balances of Bullion & Coin belonging to the Bullion Accounts for the months of January and February 1883 has been received.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.
Carson City.

March 12, 1883.

Sir,

C/I, No 706 for \$15,97.13 being on account of Refinery earnings during the month of February 1883, enclosed in your communication of the 3rd inst, has been received, properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Bullion accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for Parting & Refining Bullion.

Very respectfully

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

March 12, 1883.

Carson City.

Sir,

Ct. I, No. 707 for \$51.53, being on account of charges (other than Refining) collected during the month of February 1883 enclosed in your communication of the 3rd inst. has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Bulletin accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor. ✓

Supt. Mint.

March 12, 1883.

Carson City.

Sir,

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

1 Book of Coinage Gold Ingot Receipts #19.

1 Book " " Silver " " #26.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard. ✓

Supt. Mint.

March 12, 1883.

Carson City.

Sir,

Referring to your Ordinary Expense Account for the month of January 1883, I desire to call your attention to voucher #103. Bill for Telephone and rental of same, for one year from January 22nd 1883- amounting to \$249- and to the last paragraph on page 20 of the Regulations of 1881.

Before this bill can be approved I desire an explanation of the expenditure and in this connection your attention is invited to my letter of April 8th 1882, in which I expressed the opinion that a Telephone, for the purpose

requested, was not needed at your Mint. Pending receipt of your letter your account will stand suspended.

I also desire to call attention to the fact that no accounts current were received with the Abstracts and Vouchers of either your Ordinary or Refinery accounts for January 1883. Please cause same to be forwarded at your earliest convenience.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Assayer in Charge.

March 12, 1883.

Denver, Col.

Sir:

I can send copies of my report for 1880. to mine owners who have furnished you information during the last year. Please send me list of those to whom you have mailed copies, that I may avoid sending duplicates.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Assayer in Charge.

March 12, 1883.

Denver, Col.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary expense Account with Abstracts and Vouchers for the month ending February 28th 1883.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Agostino José da Lente.
Director of the Mint.
Lisbon.

August 12. 1883.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of February last, and the statement of the coinage from the year 1750 to the 31st of December 1883, for which you will please accept my thanks.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.
Director.

Supt. Assay Office.
New York City.

March 12. 1883.

Sir,

Requisition has this day been made upon the Printer for Blank Journal of Ordinary accounts, and as requested in your letter of the 10th inst the same will be mailed you as soon as received.

Very respectfully

Horatio C. Burchard.
Director.

Supt. Mint.
New Orleans.

March 12. 1883.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expenses Account with Abstracts and Vouchers for the month ending February 28. 1883.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.
Director.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

March 12, 1883.

New Orleans.

Sir,

Requisition has this day been made upon the Printer for Blank Books of Superintendents Receipts for Gold and Silver Clippings #17 & 24, and as requested in your letter of the 9th inst and copies will be mailed you as soon as received.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Supt. Mint.

March 12, 1883.

New Orleans.

Sir,

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of March, 1883, has been approved for the sum of \$13,500, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1883	\$ 2700
Wages of Workmen	"	7800
Contingent Expenses	"	3000
		<u>\$13,500</u>

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Supt. Mint.

March 12, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir,

Referring to your letter of the 10th inst asking for Press copying Books, I have to inform you that the Department will only receive articles of stationery, for the use of Mints &c upon the requisitions of Superintendents and Officers in Charge. I enclose a few blanks for your use. Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard, Director.

Sept. Mint.

March 12, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir,

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

1 Book of Comis Receipts for Planchets.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Hon Chas. J. Folger.

March 12, 1883

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Denver Colorado, to that of the Mint at Philadelphia. Part of the sum of Fifty five Thousand One hundred and ten $\frac{72}{100}$ Dollars (\$55,110.72) in Gold Coin, and Six hundred and Sixty-seven $\frac{26}{100}$ Dollars (\$667.26) in Silver Coin, making a total of Fifty five Thousand, seven hundred and seventy seven $\frac{98}{100}$ Dollars, (\$55,777.98) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Mint at Denver for coinage as shown by Memorandum No 409, dated Mch. 7, 1883 of Gold Bullion deposited in said Mint.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Assayer in Charge.

March 13, 1883.

Helena. Mont.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 2nd inst. I have to state that the invoice in your Bullion Fund referred to was \$100,000.

Very respectfully, Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Genl. S. J. Benet.

March 13. 1883.

Chief of Ordnance.
War Department.

✓ Sir:

I transmit herewith a box containing the following Army medals, viz:

18 Bronze 2nd class prize Army Marksmanship Medals.
18 Bronze Army Department Medals, and.
18 Bronze 2nd Class prize Army Division Marksmanship Medals
making a total of 54 medals, all cased.

I enclose herewith Bill of the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint for the same, amounting to \$65.30 for which amount I will thank you to cause a draft to be sent him.

Very respectfully
Horatio C. Burchard.
Director.

C. B. Buckingham.

March 13. 1883.

Pres. American Tube Works.

97 State Street.

Boston, Mass.

✓ Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 8th instant, I will state that the size of the caps should be altered to fit the tubes. You are therefore authorized to make the alteration in the same. It is very desirable that these canisters be shipped as early as practicable. I return herewith a drawing for the canisters and caps.

Very respectfully.
Horatio C. Burchard.
Director.

Supt. Mint.

March 13. 1883.

Carson.

Sir,

Your letter of the 6th inst. transmitting ^{Cashier's} Statements of Coin Balances, Receipts and Payments during the months of January and February 1883, has been received.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

Supt. Mint.

March 13. 1883.

Carson, Nev.

Sir,

Requisition has this day been made upon the Printer for blank book for use of the Coiner and 250 statements each, of Coinage, gold and silver, and as requested in your letter of the 6th inst and copies will be mailed you as soon as received.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

James Gillfillan Esq.
Treasurer. U. S.

March 13. 1883.

Sir,

I have to request that you will cause a supply of the following blank forms to be forwarded to the Superintendent of the United States Mint at Carson Nevada, viz:
Daily Statements of the condition of the Bullion Fund.
Sample of blank enclosed

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

E. M. Morseman, Esq.

March 13, 1883.

General Manager Pacific Express Co.
Omaha, Nebraska.

Sir;

I have received your letter of the 10th instant, stating that your Company will transport gold bullion from the U. S. Assay Office at Helena M. T. to the U. S. Assay Office at New York City at the rate of \$10. per \$1000. value until such time as rail communication is had with Helena, after that date at the same price per \$1000. as is paid for such service under contract with the Adams Express Company. Your offer will be duly considered and in due time, you will be advised of the action thereon.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Assay Office.

March 13, 1883.

New York City.

Sir;

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Bullion accounts with Abstracts and Vouchers for the quarter ending Dec. 31. st 1882.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint,

March 13, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

Enclosed find check on the 2nd National Bank of Minona Mines for \$50. - for nickels, and letter of the Cashier accompanying the same which came in my mail to this office.

Very respectfully, Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

March 18, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

The Certificate of the Assay Commissioner informing the President that at the Annual Assay at Philadelphia on the 14 and 16 of February, 1883, one of the coins delivered by the Comr of the New Orleans Mint, to the Superintendent, on the 14 of January 1882 was found to contain but 898.93 of gold, being seven one hundredths of an ounce below the limit, and deficient in fineness having been referred to me by the Secretary of the Treasury for a full report and recommendation at the earliest practicable moment, you are, in order to ascertain the facts and circumstances connected with the making of the coin in question, and with the preparation and assaying of the ingots out of which the coin was made, hereby authorized and requested to proceed to the New Orleans Mint, and take the statements of such officers, clerks and employes of the Mint as have knowledge or information in regard to the assaying or making of the ingots from which the gold coins of that delivery January 14, 1882 were manufactured and ascertain if practicable the cause and responsibility of their deficient fineness.

You will examine the books and records of the Assayer and Melter and Refiner's department containing entries in regard to the passing or manufacture of the ingots from which the coin was made, and the methods employed in preparing and assaying ^{such} ingots.

You will report to this office the facts ascertained by you at your earliest convenience. Your travelling and other necessary and actual expenses incurred by you will be paid upon presentation of your account with the proper vouchers.

Very respectfully,

Harris C. Pughard.

Auditor.

Supt. Mint.
Philadelphia.

March 13, 1883.

Sir:

I prepared to go with you Thursday for submission and consideration an impression for a five cent nickel coin similar to the one now being issued, but having the word cents upon the reverse as requested by the Secretary.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Am Chas. J. Folger.
 Secretary of the Treasury.

March 13, 1883.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for your information a copy of a letter from the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia Pa in relation to the design for the attachment to the life saving medals from which it appears that no designs accompany the same for the bars to indicate first and second service.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.
San Francisco.

March 13, 1883.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Refinery Statistical & Standard silver dollar expense Accounts with Abstracts and Vouchers for the month ending February 28, 1883.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

March 14, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Please send by Express to day One hundred Dollars in new
five cent pieces. Draft by mail.

Horatio C. Burghard,
Director.

Henry Cheracue Esq.

March 14, 1883.

39 Lombard St.

London England.

Dear Sir;

I have the pleasure of acknowledging the receipt of
your interesting essay, "L'etalon monétaire universelle
et la lutte de l'or et de l'argent" which I find to be
a valuable contribution to the discussion of the monetary
question.

I forward you by mail copy of my last annual re-
port (1882) and Special Reports on the production of the
precious metals in the United States in 1880-1881, which
contains later information than that published in
former Reports which you notice. I also send you copy
of a Statement I lately made before the "Committee on
Coinage, Weights and Measures" of the house of Representa-
tives. Trusting they will reach you safely.

I am,

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burghard.

Director.

Genl. J. M. F. Partell

March 14, 1883.

Fort Leach Mon.

Sir;

Your letter of the 3rd inst. to the chief clerk of the Treasury,
requesting information in regard to the first coin issued
by the Government, date, value, &c. has been referred ^{me} to.
for reply. I mail you copy of the report of the Director.

of the Mint. for 1879. which will give you the information desired

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

John Shepples, Esq.

March 14, 1883.

Litchfield, Conn.

Dear Sir;

In compliance with your request to be informed where you can find a book giving the number of gold, silver, nickel and copper coins issued by the United States from 1723 to 1882. I mail you copy of my last annual Report. which, on pages 44, and 45 gives the value of all denominations of gold, silver, and minor coins issued by the U. S. Government up to the close of the present year.

By dividing the total value by the value of each denomination, you can ascertain the number.

The five and three cent minor coins are composed of copper and nickel

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

J. W. Von Bodungen.

March 14, 1883.

Deputy U. S. Surveyor.

Rockford, Pennington County, T. T.

Sir:

I enclose herewith draft of map of the Black Hill Mining Section of your Territory. If not presuming too much upon your kindness, I would request you to review and correct the same where correction is needed and also to locate the following mines, groups of mines and creeks.

Very respectfully

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

Assayer in Charge.

March 14, 1883.

Denver, Col.

Sir;

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to increase your bullion fund by a transfer of \$100,000 and that the same be placed to your credit with the Colorado National Bank, Denver Colorado.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Assay Office.

March 14, 1883.

New York City.

Sir;

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary and Refinery expense accounts with Abstracts and Vouchers for the month ending February 28th 1883.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Assay Office.

March 14, 1883.

New York City.

Sir;

The following blank forms have been mailed you this day viz;

200 Statements showing balances in the hands of the Cashier belonging to the Bullion Accounts (No 222, 6)

This form was printed without change.

The amount of silver paid on gold deposits can be entered as an exchange for gold coin, should this however be considered impracticable there is space left on the form for the entry you proposed. I will thank you to make up and forward to this office these statements for the months of January and February.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard. Director.

Wm Chas. J. Folger,
Secretary of the Treasury.

March 14, 1883.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the bullion fund of the Mint of the U. S. at Denver Colorado be increased One hundred thousand dollars by a transfer of that amount, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said Mint with the Colorado National Bank, Denver Col.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

March 14, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith find draft on Assistant Treasurer U. S. Philadelphia for \$100. in payment of a like amount of five cent coins which you were requested by telegraph to forward to this office.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Telegram.

Anglo Californian Bank.

March 16, 1883.

San Francisco.

Your offer declined.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Director.

Similar telegram sent to.

Telegram.

James B. Colgate.

47 Wall Street, New York.

Telegram.

Boston & Colorado Smelting Co.

March 15, 1883.

Denver, Col.

Your offer accepted for New Orleans at one hundred eleven and thirty five hundredths cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard. Director.

Telegram. Nandy & Cronie.

March 15, 1883.

24 Nassau Street.

New York.

✓ Your offer for Philadelphia accepted, and sixty thousand ounces for New Orleans.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Director. ✓

Telegram. J. B. Naggin.

March 15, 1883.

San Francisco.

✓ Your offer accepted.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Director. ✓

Telegram. Supt. Minit.

March 15, 1883.

New Orleans La.✓ Receive from Boston and Colorado Smelting Company forty thousand ounces at one hundred eleven and thirty five hundredth cents per ounce, and from Nandy & Cronie sixty thousand ounces at one hundred eleven and thirty eight hundredth cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Director. ✓

Telegram. J & W. Seligman & Co.

March 15, 1883.

New York.

✓ Your offer of fifty thousand at one hundred eleven and thirty hundredth cents accepted, balance declined.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Director. ✓

Telegram. Supt. Minit.

March 15, 1883.

San Francisco.✓ Receive from J. B. Naggin fifty five thousand ounces at one hundred eleven and one eighth cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard. Director.

Chief Auditor.

March 15, 1883.

Treasury Department.

Sir;

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary expense account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans for the month ending Jan. 31, 1883 rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

✓ We note on abstract of disbursements relative to an overcharge of 90¢

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Assayer in Charge.

March 16, 1883.

Boice City.

Sir;

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to inclose your bullion fund by a transfer of \$50,000. and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at San Francisco, Cal.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

March 16, 1883.

Carson, Nev.

Sir;

The coins reserved at your Mint during the month of February for special assay and forwarded to this office have been received, viz:

1 Double Eagle	\$ <u>20.00</u>
3 St. Silver Dollars	\$ <u>3.00</u>
Total Value	\$ <u>23.00</u>

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

N. B. James.

March 15, 1883.

Treasury Department.

Sir;

In reply to your inquiry as to the propriety or legality of a new valuation by the Director of the Mint of the Shanghai Tael, I refer you to my letter to the Secretary of the Treasury dated Apr 27, 1881, and the letter of Mr Eckfeldt, the computer of Bullion for this office enclosed therein, which I presume is on file in your office.

No coin known as the Shanghai Tael appears to have been coined or issued by China or any other nation of the world, and the Director of the Mint is not required under section 3564 R. S. to estimate its value as one of the "standard coins in circulation of the various nations of the world."

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

New Orleans.

Sir;

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your ordinary expense account for the month ending January 31, 1883, with my approval except voucher #100 in which an overcharge of 90¢ occurs which will be disallowed.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

March 15, 1883.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir;

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day at the Department by the Secretary of the Treasury for delivery at your Mint of the following parties, at the

ratio and for the amounts respectfully named, which you will receive and pay for, as may be preferred either in silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in silver dollars, to wit, of

✓ J & W. Seligman & Co. 50,000 ounces at \$ 1.1130
Nandy & Cronin 200,000 " " \$ 1.1128

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Bruchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint,

March 16, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir,

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon special assay coins taken from the first deliveries in each week at your Mint during the month of January 1883 and forwarded for test as prescribed by the regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Bruchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint,

March 16, 1883.

San Francisco.

Sir,

Your requisition of the 7th inst for 1000 blank forms (201) relating to mining statistics, is received. For the reasons given in my letter of the 8 instant, the form will be changed and printed for the calendar year ending December 31, 1883.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Bruchard.

Director.

Hon Chas J. Folger.

March 15, 1883.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir,

Mr Snowden sends me to day the enclosed impression of the copper nickel five cent piece with the word "cents" upon it.

Please inform me if it is satisfactory, that I may advise him as early as possible.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Hon Chas J. Folger.

March 15, 1883.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte N. C. to that of the Mint at Philadelphia, Pa of the sum of One Thousand five hundred and thirteen 22/₁₀₀ Dollars (81513.22) in Gold Coin, and Eight 86/₁₀₀ Dollars (88.86) in silver coin, making a total of One thousand five hundred and twenty-two 08/₁₀₀ Dollars (81522.08) being the net value of bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte for coinage as shown by Memorandum No 435, dated March 12, 1883 of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Hon Charles J. Folger.

March 15, 1883.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that the Bullion fund of the United States Assay Office at Boise City Idaho, be increased fifty thousand dollars by a transfer of that amount and that the same be placed to the credit of

the Assayer in charge of said Assay Office with the
Assistant Treasurer U. S. at San Francisco, Cal. by
telegraph.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor. ✓

Supt. Mint.

March 16, 1889.

Carson City.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon
special assay coins taken from the first deliveries
in each week at your Mint during the month of
January 1889, and forwarded for test as prescribed
by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal
limits of tolerance.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor. ✓

Assayer in Charge.

March 16, 1889.

Helena, Montana.

Sir:

A bill of the Treasury Department for Stationery fur-
nished for the use of your Institution amounting to
\$25.39 has this day been approved and referred to the
Accounting Officers of the Department for examination
and settlement payable from the appropriation for
Contingent Expenses of your Office for the fiscal year 1889.

I enclose duplicate of the invoice for your information.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor. ✓

E. M. Morseman, Esq.

March 16, 1883.

General Manager Pacific Express Company.
Omaha, Nebraska.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 10th inst. I have to say that it is not deemed advisable at present to make a contract for the transportation of gold bullion from the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Mont. to the U. S. Assay Office at New York City for any specified time, but I am willing to give the transportation of gold bullion from the Helena Assay Office to your Company at the rates named in your letter until further notice.

If you are satisfied to do this, please advise me that the necessary instructions be given the Assayer in charge of the Assay Office at Helena.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

March 16, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir,

Enclosed find draft for \$20. from James A. Hanley of Dixon Ill. who requests me to purchase for him the amount in nickels of the new issue. I have endorsed the draft to your order, and you will please forward the nickels to the address contained therein.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

March 16, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 14th inst. submitting for approval a change in the arrangement of the minting lines upon the reverse of the five cent nickel coin as

follows; The legend "E Pluribus Unum" is to be taken from below the wreath, and placed above the same, and the word "cents" is to be inscribed below the wreath.

You are hereby authorized to make this change and to commence the coinage and issue of the pieces as soon as practicable.

See Book 31

pp. 72, 93, 167

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Approved.

H. J. Tench.

E. B. D. Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

Supt. Mint.

March 16. 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

A bill of the Treasury Department for Stationery furnished for the use of your institution amounting to \$108.85 has this day been approved and referred to the Accounting Officers of the Department for examination and settlement, payable from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint for the fiscal year 1883. I enclose duplicate of the invoice for your information.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

March 16. 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I enclose herewith a draft for \$10. on the Assistant Treasurer at Philadelphia for which please send to this office two five dollar gold pieces of the coinage of 1883.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

March 16, 1883.

San Francisco.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon special assay coins taken from the first deliveries in each week at your Mint during the month of Jan'y. 1883 and forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

March 16, 1883.

San Francisco.

Sir:

A bill of the Treasury Department for stationery furnished for the use of your Institution amounting to \$109.04 has this day been approved and referred to the Accounting Officers of the Department for examination and settlement payable from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint for the fiscal year 1883.

I enclose duplicate of the invoice for your information.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Gen. S. V. Benet.

March 17, 1883.

Chief of Ordnance.

Washington D. C.

Sir:

Referring to my letter of the 13th inst. transmitting 54 bronze copies of Army Marksmanship Medals, with cases, and the account of the Supt. of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia for the same amounting to \$68.30.

I have to request that you will sign the enclosed

ouchers in duplicate, and forward the same to the
Supt. of the Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.
Director.

Supt. Mint.

March 17, 1883.

Carson City.

Sir;

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your statement
of "Earnings and Expenditures for the fourth quarter
of the calendar year 1882, together with C/I for Ore
Assays, and amount received from sale of old ma-
terial. Before the latter can be endorsed, and refer-
red to the Secretary of the Treasury, it will be nec-
essary for you to furnish a statement showing of
what the old material consisted. Please do so at
earliest convenience.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.
Director.

Supt. Mint.

March 17, 1883.

Carson City.

Sir;

C.I. No 729 for \$51.00 being on account of Ore
Assays during the 4th Quarter of 1882 enclosed in your
communication of the 10th inst. has been received,
properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the
Treasury on personal credit to be given you in your
bulletin accounts, and the amount to be covered
into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.
Director.

W. C. Edsall & Son.

March 17, 1883.

Cstege Mich.
Gentlemen.

✓ Your package containing \$11.30, in mutilated coin recently sent to this Office, was forwarded to the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint on the 26th ultimo. These coins are received at the Mints as stated in the enclosed Circular, and not at this Office.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

March 17, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

✓ The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

1 Book of Silver Purchases sent to the Refinery.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Telegram

Supt. Mint.

March 19, 1883.

Carson City.

✓ Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one hundred ten and one half cents per ounce.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Director.

Similar telegram sent to.Supt. Mint.✓ San Francisco Cal.

Telegram.

Superintendent Mint.

March 19, 1883.

New Orleans La.

✓ Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one hundred and eleven cents per ounce fine.

Confirmed

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Assayer in Charge.
Bone City.

March 19, 1883.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement a bill of the Central Pacific R. R. Co. for the transportation in the months of October and November 1882 of certain supplies from San Francisco to Kellon consigning to your care, amounting to \$2.28, payable from the appropriation for Contingent expenses of your Office for the current fiscal year.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Purchard.

Quinton.

Supt. Minit.

March 19, 1883.

Carson City.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 12th instant, stating that the cost of introducing the Purcos Boiler Cleaner will be about \$400. and as you state its constant use will result in a great saving of fuel in addition to keeping the boiler clean you are hereby authorized to purchase at a cost not to exceed \$400. and pay for the same from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Minit for the current fiscal year, referring to this letter for your authority for doing so.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Purchard.

Quinton.

Supt. Minit.

March 19, 1883.

Carson City.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting
 Office of the Department for examination and settlement, a
 bill of the Central Pacific R. R. Co. for the transportation
 in the months of October and November 1882 of certain sup-
 plies from San Francisco to Reno, consigned to your care,
 amounting to \$512.09 payable from the following approp-
 riations, viz:

Contingent Expenses of your Minit 1883. \$ 256.09

Parting and Refining bullion 256.00

I enclose for your information duplicate bills of Lading.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Purchard.

Director.

Assayer in Charge.

March 19, 1883.

Denver, Col.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting
 Office of the Department for examination and settle-
 ment a bill of the Missouri Pacific R. R. Co for trans-
 portation from St Louis to Kansas City in August 1882 of
 one box of Stationery consigned to your care, amounting
 to 80 c. payable from the appropriation for Contingent
 expenses of your Minit for the fiscal year 1883.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Purchard.

Director.

John Duff, Jr. Esq.

March 19, 1883.

Boston Mass.

Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 17th instant. I send
 you copies of my last special report upon the

production of gold and silver in the United States, for 1880-1881. The report for 1882 has not yet been published.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

S. Guthrie Esq.

March 19, 1883.

Room 91 Corcoran Building.

Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting Officers of the Department for examination and settlement two bills of the Central Pacific R. R. Co for transportation of Mint supplies - the first dated November 29th 1882 from San Francisco to Kelton, consigned to the Assay Office at Boise, amounting to \$2.28, and the other of the same date from San Francisco to Reno, consigned to the Mint at Carson amounting to \$512.09

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

March 19, 1883.

New Orleans.

Sir:

Cep. D. No 325 for \$37.67. being on account of Parting & Refining charges for February 1883 enclosed in your communication of the 15th inst. has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for Parting and Refining bullion.

Very respectfully. Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mmt.

March 19, 1883.

New Orleans.

Sir:

Cp. D. No 326. for \$146.89 being on account of melting
 Gallon charges collected in January 1883. enclosed in your
 communication of the 15th instant has been received, prop-
 erly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treas-
 ury personal credit to be given you in your Bullion
 accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treas-
 ury as a "Miscellaneous receipt"

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

Supt. Mmt.

March 19, 1883.

New Orleans.

Sir:

Cp. D. No 327 for \$28.72 being on account of Parting the
 fining charges collected in January 1883 enclosed in
 your communication of the 15th instant has been received,
 properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the
 Treasury personal credit to be given you in your Bullion
 accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treas-
 ury to the credit of the appropriation for Parting the
 fining Bullion.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

Supt. Mmt.

March 19, 1883.

New Orleans.

Sir:

Cp. D. No 328 for \$106.18 being on account of charges
 for melting Gallon collected in Feb. 1883 enclosed in your
 communication of the 15th inst. has been received, properly
 endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury.

personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "miscellaneous receipt."

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

March 19, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir,

Your bill of the first instant for 1 silver proof set of 1882, and one silver proof set of 1883 purchased for the use of this bureau, amounting to \$5.93 has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

March 19, 1883

Philadelphia.

Sir,

The purchasing rate of silver bullion in lots of less than ten thousand ounces at your Mint has been reduced to one hundred and eleven cents per ounce fine until further notice.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

March 19, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

I have to request that you will cause the following dies to be prepared and transmitted to the Mint at New Orleans as early as practicable

12 Obverse Standard Silver Dollar, $1\frac{1}{8}$ inches in length.
 12 Reverse " " " $2\frac{3}{8}$ " " "

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burghard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

March 19, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

Referring to your letter of the 12th inst. I transmit herewith in reply thereto, copy of a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury in regard to the designs for the attachments to life-saving medals together with a copy of the Act governing the issue of the medals.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burghard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

March 19, 1883.

San Francisco.

Sir;

C/S. No 735. for \$ 130.37 being on account of Alloy charge collected in February 1883 enclosed in your communication of the 12th inst. has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury personal credit to be given you in your bill in accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "miscellaneous receipt"

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burghard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.
San Francisco.

March 19, 1883.

Sir:

✓ C. I. No 736 for \$ 8,311.38 being on account of refining earnings in February 1883 enclosed in your communication of the 12th instant has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury personal credit to be given you in your Bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for "Parting Refining Bullion".

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burdick.

Director.

Supt. Mint.
San Francisco.

March 19, 1883

Sir:

✓ C. I. No 737 for \$ 111.49 being on account of melting charge in February 1883 enclosed in your communication of the 12th instant has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury personal credit to be given you in your Bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "Miscellaneous receipt".

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burdick.

Director.

Supt. Mint.
San Francisco.

March 19, 1883.

Sir:

✓ C. I. No 738 for \$ 9.59 being on account of bar charges for February 1883 enclosed in your communication of the 12th inst. has been received properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal

credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "miscellaneous receipt."

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicksilver.

Telegram. Supt. Mint.

March 20, 1883.

Carson City.

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one hundred mill
and three quarter cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicksilver.

Confirmed.

Similar telegram sent to

Telegram. Supt. Mint.

San Francisco. Cal.

Telegram Supt. Mint.

March 20, 1883.

New Orleans.

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one hundred ten
and three tenth cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicksilver.

Confirmed.

Supt. Mint.

March 20, 1883.

Philadelphia

Sir:

Until further the purchasing rate of silver bullion in lots of less than ten thousand ounces at your Mint will be one hundred ten and three tenth cents per ounce fine.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicksilver.

Supt. Mint.

March 20, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith find one dollar, for which please forward to this office proof five cent coins old style coinage 1883 charging for the same the rate at which furnished the public.

Very respectfully

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

March 20, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:
 Coiners Journal of gold Bullion received and delivered
 2 Silver Melting Books (Foreman's) # 184.

Very respectfully

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

March 21, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I will thank you to forward without delay Form 223 Monthly Statement of Balances of Bullion and Coin belonging to the Bullion accounts of your Mint for the months of January and February 1883.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Similar letter sent to

Supt. Mint.

✓ San Francisco, Cal.

Messrs J. B. Colgate & Co.
41 Wall Street. New York.

March 21. 1883.

Gentlemen.

I will be glad if in making offers of silver on Thursday of each week you would make an offer to deliver at New Orleans as well as Philadelphia, and would suggest that it might occur sometimes that your offer while being rejected for Philadelphia would possibly be accepted for New Orleans; and in this connection would say that the cost of transportation from the smelting works in the west is no greater to New Orleans than it is to New York and Philadelphia. Payments for silver delivered at New Orleans are made by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Similar letter sent to.

Messrs J & W. Seligman & Co

21 Broad St. New York.

Telegram Assay in Charge.

March 21. 1883

Denver Mint.

Under executive order dated January seventeenth, Eighteen seventy three, acceptance of the office of Mayor would be a vacation of your position as Assayer of the Denver Mint.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Resigned.

Director.

Brig. Genl. R. C. Drum.

March 21st 1883.

Adjutant General U.S.A.

War Department.

General:

Will you be kind enough to furnish this Office with a bound copy of the Regulations regarding Military Transportation over Land-grant and Bonded

Railroads? Some of the accounts of the roads referred to, come before this Office for action and the information contained in the Regulations mentioned will be useful.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burghard.
Director.

Mr Everett, Esq.
Chicago Ill.

March 21, 1883.

Dear Sir:

Your request for a copy of my report upon the production of the precious metals for 1882, is received. The report has not yet been printed, but your name will be entered on the list of those to whom the report is to be sent.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burghard.
Director.

Mr H. J. French.

March 20, 1883.

Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th instant transmitting a copy of a letter from Mr John O. Cutler requesting a reduction in the valuation of the Shanghai Tael and requesting that I should specify what value, in my opinion, should be attached to said Tael for customs purposes. As stated in my letter of April 27th 1881 the Tael, although not a coin, represents a certain weight of silver as a unit for commercial purposes, and its value varies with the market rate of silver bullion.

The value of the Shanghai Tael estimated upon the basis and in the manner employed in computing the values of silver coins in the Treasury Circular

of January 1, 1883, at that time was one dollar and twenty cents (⁴120).

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

A. M. Lawver, Esq.

March 21, 1883.

San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Sir,

I have mailed you the reports upon the production of the precious metals for 1880-1881, but changed the number sent you, from 35 of the former to 10 of the latter, as the number I have for distribution for 1881 is limited.

Very truly yours.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Assay Office.
New York.

March 21, 1883.

Sir,

Referring to your letter of the 19th inst., asking whether a refining charge should be imposed on foreign gold bars represented to have been made from coin showing a fineness of only 896 thousandths, I have to say in reply that in the cases you have stated you are properly imposing, as the Regulations require, a refining charge on gold bullion below standard on the number of ounces required to be refined to bring the whole to standard, unless deposited for fine bars or the alloy is of such a character as to render it unsuitable for use in preparing ingots for coinage, in which cases the charge should be on the whole number of ounces deposited.

Upon foreign gold coin below standard I am of the opinion that a refining charge should also be imposed in the same manner, and at the same rates as is imposed upon gold bars below standard.

of similar fineness, and of the same character of alloy
Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

March 21, 1883.

Philadelphia

Sir,

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 20th instant I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause the sum of \$20,000 in one cent copper nickel coins to be transferred to you for conversion into five-cent nickel pieces by the addition of the proper quantity of nickel.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Albert Williams, Jr. Esq.

March 21, 1883

Geological Survey.

Dear Sir,

I have placed upon the list of those to whom copy of my report upon the production of the precious metals for 1882, is to be forwarded, the name of Mr Wm C. Hadley.

Very respectfully

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Hon Charles J. Folger.

March 21, 1883.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir,

I am in receipt of a communication from the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia in which it is stated that the stock of one-cent nickel pieces now on hand at that institution is reduced to about

three thousand dollars. If it is the desire of the Department that the five-cent pieces, for which there is a great demand shall continue to be made from the copper-nickel one-cent pieces by the addition of twelve and a half per cent. of nickel I have the honor to request that you will cause to be transferred from the Treasury to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia the sum of twenty thousand dollars in one-cent copper-nickel pieces.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Telegram. Anglo Californian Bank,
San Francisco.

March 22, 1883.

Your offer declined.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Director.

Telegram. Boston & Colorado Smelter Co.
Denver Col.

March 22, 1883.

Your offer accepted for New Orleans at one hundred ten and thirty two hundredth cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Director.

Telegram. Ward & Cronin.
24 Nassau Street
New York.

March 22, 1883.

Your offers of one hundred and fifty thousand ounces for New Orleans, and fifty thousand ounces for Philadelphia both at one hundred ten and twenty nine hundredth cents per ounce, and also for Philadelphia fifty thousand ounces at one hundred ten and thirty nine hundredth cents per ounce accepted, other declined.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Director.

Telegram. Supt Mint.

March 22 1883.

New Orleans.

La.

✓ Receive from Boston and Colorado Smelting
Company forty thousand ounces at one hundred ten
and thirty two hundredths cents per ounce fine, and
from Nandy and Cronie one hundred and fifty
thousand ounces at one hundred ten and twenty
nine hundredths cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Director.

Telegram. J. & W. Seligman & Co.

March 22, 1883.

New York City.

Your offers accepted

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Director.

Treasury Auditor.

March 22, 1883.

Treasury Department.

Sir,

✓ I transmit herewith for examination and settlement
the Statistical expense accounts of the Superintendent of
the U. S. Mint at San Francisco for the 2 months ending
January 31st 1883 rendered to me for the purpose of ad-
justment as required by law.

Very respectfully

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

March 22, 1883.

Carson.

✓ Sir:

I have to inform you that I have approved and re-
ferred to the proper accounting officers of the Department
for examination and settlement bill of Messrs. Pope, Col. & Co.

for ten thousand pounds of Baltimore Ingot copper shipped
you on the 16th instant, amounting to \$4,625, payable from
the appropriation for Parting and Refining Bullion.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director. ✓

Supt. Mint.

March 22, 1883.

Carson.

Sir,

I have to inform you that Congress having authorized
the payment of fifty per cent of the amount withheld from
the bills of railroads on account of land grants I have
approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of
the Department for examination and settlement, bills of the
Chicago, Rock Island, and Pacific Railroad Company for
amounts previously withheld, of which the following sums
are on account of supplies shipped your Mint, viz:

Contingent Expenses	1881	<u>\$26.60</u>
"	1882	<u>2.77</u>

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director. ✓

Supt. Mint.

March 22, 1883.

Carson.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary and
Refinery expense accounts with abstracts and vouchers for
the month ending February 28th 1883.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director. ✓

Assayer in Charge.

March 22, 1883.

Denver, Col.

Sir;

I have to inform you that Congress having authorized the payment of fifty per cent of the amount withheld from the bills of railroads on account of land grants, I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement bills of the Chicago, Rock Island, and Pacific Railroad Company for amounts previously withheld, of which the following sums are on account of supplies shipped your Mint, viz:

Contingent Expenses	1881	\$23.61.
"	1882	12.10.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Prof. J. Egleston

March 22, 1883

School of Mines, Columbia College.

New York.

Sir;

As you furnished a valuable article without compensation, for my report for 1880 on the production of gold and silver, which induced many students in the School of Mines, to send for copies of the report, and as I still have a number of copies of the report of that year for distribution, if you desire, I will send you additional copies. I can spare you twenty-five or double that number if you wish. Please advise me whether they would be of use to you.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Assayer in Charge.

March 22, 1883.

Selena.

Sir:

I have to inform you that Congress having authorized the payment of fifty percent of the amount withheld from the bills of railroads on account of land grants I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement bills of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad Company for amounts previously withheld, of which the following sums are on account of supplies shipped your institution, viz:

Contingent Expenses	1881	<u>\$4.23</u>
"	1882	<u>11.89</u>

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Buschard.

Director. ✓

Supt. Mint.

March 22, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 19th instant requesting my attention to an error in the published proceedings of the late Annual Assay Commission, the fineness of the Philadelphia Mass Silver being reported at 902 instead of 900.2

By reference to the original report made by the Committee on Assaying and adopted by the Board I find the fineness given as 902.

I do not doubt but that it is an error, and should have been 900.2 although I have no evidence to that effect. If any of the notes or memoranda of the Committee on Assaying, from which the finenesses were entered, or their report, are in the possession of the Assayer, please transmit them to this Office.

The record of the proceedings of the Commission was approved and signed by the members of the Board; they

alone would have authority to make any change, and the Commission is now functus officio.

I see no objection, however, to my making a marginal note in the printed pamphlets stating that the fineness as reported is a probable error.

Very respectfully.

Aratus C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

March 22, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

Referring to your letter of the 21st inst asking for blank forms your attention is called to the fact that the Index Book mentioned is classed as "Stationery" and must be requisited for on the regular stationery blank, of which a supply was sent you some weeks ago. Requisition has been made for the blanks enumerated in your letter and as soon as the same are received from the printer, they will be forwarded to you.

Very respectfully.

Aratus C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

March 22, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

200 Statements of Silver Purchases #64 as requested in your letter of the 21st instant.

Very respectfully.

Aratus C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

March 22, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day at the Department by the Secretary of the Treasury for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for, as may be preferred, either in silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in silver dollars, to wit; of—

Handy & Cronise	50,000 ounces,	at	<u>\$1.1029</u>
"	50,000 "	"	<u>1.1039</u>
J & W. Seligman & Co.	25,000 "	"	<u>1.1030</u>
"	25,000 "	"	<u>1.1035</u>
"	25,000 "	"	<u>1.1040</u>

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicksilver.

Pope Cole & Co.

March 22, 1883.

57, S. Gay St.

Baltimore Md.

Gentlemen

Your bill of the 8th inst for 10,000 lbs Baltimore Ingot Copper, purchased for the use of the Mint at Carson amounting to \$1625, has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicksilver.

Supt. Mint.
San Francisco

March 22, 1883.

Sir:

I have to inform you that Congress having authorized the payment of fifty per cent of the amount withheld from the bills of railroads on account of land grants I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement bills of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad Company for amounts previously withheld of which the following sums are on account of supplies shipped your Mint, viz:

Contingent Expenses	1881	\$3.25
"	1882	128.27
Parting and Refining		168.04
Standard Silver Dollar		38.58

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burghard.
Director.

Supt. Mint.
San Francisco.

March 22, 1883.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your statistical expense account for the 2 months ending January 31st 1883 with my approval.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burghard.
Director.

Hon Chas. J. Folger
Secretary of the Treasury.

March 22, 1883.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office

at Charlotte to that of the Mint at Philadelphia, Pa of the sum of Two Thousand Two hundred and twenty $\frac{11}{100}$ Dollars (\$ 2270. $\frac{11}{100}$) in gold coin, and Eleven $\frac{22}{100}$ Dollars (\$ 11. $\frac{22}{100}$) in silver coin, making a total of Two Thousand Two hundred and eighty-one $\frac{93}{100}$ Dollars (\$ 2281. $\frac{93}{100}$) being the net value of bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte for Coinage as shown by Memorandum No 481, dated Mch 19th 1883, of gold bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Hon Chas J. Folger.

March 22, 1883.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir;

I enclose herewith copy of a letter from the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia accompanied by designs for a bar for the life-saving medal to be used in compliance with the Act of Congress of May 4th 1882 for your inspection and decision.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Treasury Auditor.

March 23, 1883.

Treasury Department.

Sir;

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Bullion accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans for the quarter ending December 31, 1882 rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Assayer in Charge.
Bowie City.

March 23. 1883.

Sir;

Referring to the "deposit sheets" belonging to your Bullion Accounts for the quarter ended December 31, 1882 your attention is directed to the following errors, Deposit No 157 November 16th the fineness of the gold is entered on the abstract sheet as 787.5 whereas the fineness called for by the assay report and from which the value of the deposit was determined is 788.5

Deposit No 187 December 19th the fineness of the gold is entered on the abstract sheet and calculated at 764 thousandths whereas the assay report calls for 762 thousandths

Your attention is also directed to the following discrepancies between the certificates of payment of certain gold deposits and the net value of the same entered on the abstract sheets ^{the value on the abstract sheets} being correct in each case and the certificates erroneous, namely:

No. 121	certificate calls for	<u>\$226.23</u>	value should be	<u>\$226.24</u>
No. 133	" " " "	<u>443.05</u>	" " "	<u>443.15</u>
No. 150	" " " "	<u>395.49</u>	" " "	<u>395.50</u>
No. 158	" " " "	<u>286.90</u>	" " "	<u>285.90</u>
No. 160	" " " "	<u>1,020.96</u>	" " "	<u>1,019.96</u>
No. 163	" " " "	<u>427.90</u>	" " "	<u>426.90</u>

These errors show gross carelessness not only in the preparation of the accounts, but in the payment of deposits. I have previously and repeatedly directed your attention to the numerous errors in connection with your Bullion Accounts, and it would seem as if from the repeated admonitions which you have had that more would be exercised. Please see to it that hereafter your accounts and the papers accompanying them are free from errors of any kind.

Very respectfully. Horatio C. Birchard.
 Quicksilver

Supt. Minit.

March 23. 1883.

Carson City.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Bulletin Accounts with abstract and vouchers for the quarter ending December 31st 1883.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quitor.

The Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific R. R. Co
Chicago, Ill.

March 23. 1883.

Gentlemen:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement two bills of your Company rendered for \$496.41 and \$492.44 being the amount deducted for land-grant on Minit supplies shipped over your road during the fiscal years 1881 and 1882.

These bills have been approved for fifty per cent. of the amount rendered \$494.42 in accordance with the provisions of law contained in the appropriation Acts of June 30 and August 5. 1882.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quitor.

Harrington Fitzgerald, Esq.

March 23. 1883

Proprietor Sun and Item:
Philadelphia.

Sir,

Enclosed herewith find Treasury draft No B. 20539 in your favor for \$16. - the same being issued in payment of your account for advertising proposals for one cent plan-shets under authority granted by the Secretary of the Treasury April 19th 1882.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard, Quitor.

C. M. Moreman, Esq.

March 23, 1888.

General Manager Pacific Express Co.
Omaha Neb.

Sir,

Your letter of the 19th instant is received, and in reply I would say that your offer as contained in your letter of March 10, 1888, namely "to transport gold bullion from the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Montana, to the U. S. Assay Office at New York at ten dollars per thousand and value until such time as rail communication is had with Helena, and after that date at the same price per thousand as paid by the Treasury Department for such service under contract with the Adams Express Company" is accepted until further notice.

The Department has no existing contract with any express company covering transportation of Bullion from Helena, Montana, and should it be decided to make a contract, I will request the Secretary to notify you that you may have an opportunity to put in your bid for the service.

Instructions will be given the Assayer in charge of the Helena Assay Office to ship through your Company all gold bullion received by him until further notice.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint

March 23, 1888.

New Orleans.

Sir,

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Bullion accounts for the quarter ending December 31, 1887 with my approval.

Very respectfully, Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Minit.

March 23, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

I have received your letter of the 22nd instant enclosing "Statement of Monthly Balances of Bullion and coin belonging to the Bullion Accounts" of your Minit for the months of January and February 1883 (Form 223); also statements on Form 193 for February.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor. ✓

Supt. Minit.

March 23, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day viz:

2 Gold Work Books - in O.R.

2 Silver " " " " " "

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor. ✓

Telegram

J. W. Seligman & Co.

March 24, 1883.

New York.

Of your offers, twenty five thousand through an error was entered and accepted at ten forty, otherwise, it would have been declined as there were lower offers than ten forty five. If you prefer not to sell at ten forty will return silver at our expense. Answer.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Quictor. ✓

Telegram.

Superintendent
Philadelphia.

March 24, 1883.

Rate named in my letter for silver purchased from
Seligman & Co is correct.

Horatio C. Burchard

Confirmed.

Director.

Assayer in Charge.

March 24, 1883.

Boise City.

Sir:

Cp. D. No 635 for \$4.80 being on account of melting
& assay charges during 4th quarter 1882 enclosed in
your communication of the 10th inst has been received,
properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the
Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion
accounts and the amount to be covered into the
Treasury as a "miscellaneous receipt"

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Assayer in Charge.

March 24, 1883.

Boise City.

Sir,

I return herewith for correction your Bullion Accounts
for the quarter ended December 31, 1882.

Your abstract sheets show that the amount paid
depositors in bars during the quarter was \$20,888.88
and not \$20,898.38 as entered in your accounts.
The \$9.50 paid in change should have been included
in the coin payments and not in the payments in bars.
I do not understand how ^{it} happened to enter it in
the shape you have, but as it makes an incorrect
balance of the coin and bullion on hand it will be
necessary to correct it. The official statement of the
Treasurer of the United States shows that the transfer

orders on your Bullion Fund paid during the quarter amounted to \$23,369.21 instead of \$25,728.99. You should have known that a transfer order made February 5, 1883 - over a month after the close of the quarter for which the accounts were rendered - should not have been taken up in these accounts, which you have done. This will change the balance in your Bullion Fund from \$60,158.37 to \$62,413.16. As you can only take credit in your "collection accounts" for the charges deducted at the Mint on the bullion transferred during the quarter the entry of "charges deducted" should be changed from \$172.38 to \$92.06. You will please restate your accounts in accordance with these directions and return them to this Office at your earliest convenience.

Very respectfully,

Noratio C. Purchard.

Director. ✓

James C. Fargo, Esq.

March 24, 1883.

President American Express Co

65, Broadway, New York.

Sir:

Referring to your letters of the 6th and 14th instant proposing to transport gold bullion from the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Montana, to the U. S. Assay Office at New York, I have to state that other arrangements have been made for the transportation of this bullion for the present and that your offer is respectfully declined.

Very respectfully,

Noratio C. Purchard.

Director. ✓

Supt. Assay Office.
New York

March 24, 1883.

Sir:

The Supervising Architect has referred to this Office a communication from Mr. J. Gady, Superintendent of Repairs of Public Buildings at New York in relation to the supports of the acid tank at your Office and recommending that a brick foundation be built for the same.

Under sections 3503 and 3555, R.S., the Assay Office Building is placed exclusively under your charge and any alterations or repairs to the same are to be made upon your recommendation and under ^{your} supervision. If in your judgement it is necessary that the repairs recommended to be made in the communication referred to should be made, you will please submit an estimate of the cost thereof to this office when authority will be given you to make and pay for the same from the appropriation for Parting Refining Bullion, as provided by paragraph 3, page 20, of the Instructions and Regulations.

I enclose herewith the letter of Mr. Gady, which I will thank you to return with your recommendations.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Purchard.

Director.

Daniel Shephard Esq.
Chicago Ill.

March 24, 1883.

Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 22nd inst. I have forwarded to Mr. Geo. W. Stone, Chicago Ill. a copy of my annual report for 1882 and special report for 1880.

I have also forwarded to your address copy of my annual report for 1882.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Purchard. Director.

Supt. Mint.

March 24, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I received your letter of the 16th inst, and expecting to have had a personal interview with you here in regard to the matter, I delayed my reply. It seems to me your cashier and book-keeper must as you suggest misunderstand what is required of them in filling out the forms called for, or else their methods of keeping account of their transactions must be defective. These forms have been satisfactorily filled out by the officers of the other mints and of the New York Assay Office, where the receipts and payments by the cashier are substantially the same as at your mint, except as to the receipt and payment of subsidiary and minor coin. Possibly it embarrasses the Cashier that no form has been forwarded for his use upon which to enter his receipts, payments and balances of minor coin. It was proposed to send such form, but if more convenient all the Cashier's transactions relating to gold, silver, minor coins and currency, can be entered upon one form.

If his books are not ruled with columns so that he can distinguish gold from silver payments, books should be printed or ruled to enable him to make the necessary entries. It seems to me that he ought to know, and be able to report at the close of each day's work the exact condition and character of his cash, and show that he has made the proper payments as authorized. An examination and comparison of the accounts of the book-keeper, cashier and other clerks, and officers, and a statement of the disposition and condition of these funds should for your own information as well as mine, be made at least once a month.

I am having a form prepared which may make it possible to dispense with some of the forms which as now filled out are of little account and frequently mis-

leading. I return you as an illustration, the coinage statement for March 20, which you will observe states the balance of gold on hand as \$2,545,238.68 but the amount of the ^{several} denominations of gold coin aggregate \$2,567,793.50. In silver the balance is stated at \$3,850,994.83 while the aggregate of the several denominations is \$3,828,773.66.

Very respectfully
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

W. M. Luskbury, Esq.,
 Columbus, Ga.

March 24, 1883

Sir:

Your letter of the 15th instant addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury asking for certain information has been referred to me. In reply to your inquiries, the following are your questions and my reply.

"How many dollars worth of the U. S. 5 cent pieces were ordered or intended originally to be coined?"

There is no limit to the coinage of minor coins: they are only issued as demanded by the public, and the Secretary is required to discontinue their coinage, when the amount coming into the Treasury for redemption shows an excess.

"Is the coinage still in progress?"

It is.

"About how many are coined daily?"

Nearly 100,000 pieces.

"How many are coined already?"

About 4,000,000.

"In your estimation will the coinage by this die be stopped, and if so at what date?"

As soon as dies can be prepared for coining the five cent piece with modified devices, which will be with in two or three weeks, the coinage from the present

des not cease, except to fill orders for proof coins

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burckhard,

Director.

Supt. Auditor.

March 26th. 1883.

Treasury Department.

Sir;

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary and Refining expense accounts of the Superintendent of the Assay Office at New York for the month ending February 28th 1883 rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burckhard.

Director.

C. D. Buckingham Esq.

March 26. 1883.

President American Tube Works

97 State Street. Boston.

Sir;

Your letter of the 21st instant enclosing invoices in duplicate for copper canisters delivered to Major S. J. Eckerson for shipment to the U. S. Mint at San Francisco is received. I will thank you to forward to this Office the receipt of Major Eckerson for the same.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burckhard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

March 26. 1883.

Carson.

Sir;

Referring to your abstract sheet of gold deposits made during the fourth quarter 1882, I find that you entered a melting charge of one dollar on bullion

requiring parting or refining, which is contrary to the Regulations. A melting charge is only to be imposed upon bullion not requiring to be parted or refined, but on bullion requiring parting or refining, in addition to the charge of so many cents per ounce gross, there is a charge of one dollar for each deposit of one thousand ounces or less, which is a part of the parting and refining charges, should be entered in the same column with them, and carried into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for parting and refining bullion.

Please inform me what portion of the amount deposited in the Treasury by you as a melting charge and covered as a miscellaneous receipt during the current fiscal year, was money arising from this additional charge of one dollar per thousand ounces or less on bullion requiring parting or refining, in order that I can have the amount carried to the credit of the appropriation for parting and refining bullion, where it should have gone. And hereafter you will see to it that entries in the column of "melting charge" will only be on deposits not requiring parting or refining, and that the additional charge of one dollar on bullion requiring parting or refining is carried into the column of "parting and refining charges" and carried into the Treasury as such.

Very respectfully,

Aratus C. Burdard.

Director.

A. B. Garman, Esq.

March 26, 1888.

East-Richland, O.

Sir:

Your request for reports have been received. This Bureau was organized in 1873, and I have no reports of the Director of the Mint previous to that year. I forward you copy of my annual report for 1887 as requested.

Very respectfully Aratus C. Burdard Director

Ottomar Haupt, Esq.
Paris France.

March 26, 1883.

Sir;

In accordance with your request of the 10th instant, I take pleasure in sending you bound and unbound copy of my Annual Report as Director of the Mint, for 1882.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Mrs. Delpha Jones.

March 26, 1883.

Ottumwa, Iowa.

Madam.

The sample of ore forwarded by ^{express} to this Office has been received. The Assayer has examined the ore and states that it does not contain any metal other than iron, and of such a small quantity, and poor quality, that it has no commercial value.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Hon N. C. McFarland.

March 26, 1883

Commissioner of Land Office.

Washington, D. C.

Sir;

Will you please send me for the use of this office, maps of Colorado, Idaho, New Mexico, Dakota, Montana, Utah, Arizona, Nevada, California and Oregon and oblige.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office.
New York City.

March 26, 1883.

Sir;

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary and Refining expense accounts for the month ending February 28th 1883 with my approval.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office.
New York.

March 26, 1883.

Sir;

Requisition has this day been made upon the Printer for blank forms for special assays, and as requested in your letter of the 24th inst 500 copies will be mailed you as soon as received.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.
Philadelphia.

March 26, 1883.

Sir;

Enclosed please find \$5. the amount collected by me on P. O. Order as enclosed with the accompanying letter. The Order was made payable to the "Director of the Mint Washington, D. C."

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Hon Charles J. Folger,
Secretary of the Treasury.

March 26, 1883.

Sir;

I have the honor to transmit herewith memorandum received from the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia showing the tale value, net value, and loss by recinnage of mutilated mixed U. S. silver coins received by him from the Treasurer of the United States, from which it appears that the tale value was \$4,283.50 and the net value \$3,992.87 showing a loss of \$290.63 for which sum the Treasurer of the United States should be reimbursed.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director

Hon W. M. Teller,
Secretary of the Interior.

March 26, 1883.

Sir;

As requested in your letter of the 23rd instant I have mailed Mr. Thomas W. Duffey, Alma, Colorado, copies of my report for 1881, and have also sent him copy of the report for 1880, the report for 1882 is not yet received from the printer.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

B. S. Townsend Esq.
Cypress Inn
Wayne Co Tenn.

March 26, 1883.

Sir;

Your letter of the 19th inst addressed to the "U. S. Chemist" has come to this Office. The one you mention as having sent, has however not arrived.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Telegram.

John J. Valentine

March 26, 1883.

Genl. Supt. Wells, Fargo, & Co's Express.
San Francisco.

Are you willing to transport gold bullion from
Assay Office Boise City to San Francisco mint and for-
ward your accounts to this office for settlement?
In letter fifth instant. Answer.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Quinton.

William Maddell, Esq.

March 26, 1883.

Cincinnati, O.

Sir;

Your letter addressed to the manager of the U.S.
Mint at Philadelphia, requesting information regard-
ing the Mint, has been referred to me by the Super-
intendent. I take pleasure in forwarding you copies
of my last annual report as Director of the Mint,
and pamphlet containing statement lately made
by me to the Committee on Coinage weights and
measures in regard to the amount of circulation.

Very respectfully

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quinton.

Albert Williams Esq.

March 26, 1883

Geological Survey.

Sir;

I will enter the name of Prof. Stanton as you re-
quest, and shall with pleasure fill the order as soon
as the reports are received from the printer. I shall
probably have none for two or three months.

Very respectfully

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quinton.

Telegram

Supt. Mint.

March 27, 1883.

San Francisco.

Is immediate purchase of twenty tons of copper, for which you make requisition necessary. Answer.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Quictor. ✓

First Auditor.

March 27, 1883.

Treasury Department.

Sir;

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary expense account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans for the month ending February 28, 1883 rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor. ✓

First Auditor

March 27, 1883.

Treasury Department

Sir;

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary expense account of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Mint at Denver, Col. for the month ending February 28, 1883, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor. ✓

First Auditor.

March 27, 1883.

Treasury Department.

Sir;

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary & Refining expense accounts of the Superin-

tendant of the U. S. Mint at Carson Nev. for the month
ending January 31st 1883 rendered to me for the
purpose of adjustment as required by law.

See note on abstract accompanying Ordinary account.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicksilver.

Messrs. Bullock & Crenshaw.

March 27, 1883.

528 Arch Street.

Philadelphia.

Gentlemen

I will thank you to inform me the low-
est price at which you will furnish for the use of
the U. S. Mint at Carson, Nevada an Assaying
Assay Balance No 12; also the following Assaying
Decimal Weights,

Gold 1/4 .005 - ten .002 - ten .001

Silver do. do. do

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicksilver.

Assayer in Charge.

March 27, 1883.

Boise City.

Sir;

Referring to your letter of the 28th ultimo, in which
you request permission to purchase certain articles of
furniture and to make certain repairs. I have to
state that you are authorized to purchase Govern-
ment shades at \$3.50 two rugs at \$5.00 two door
mats at \$2.50 and four sets of curtains at \$10.00.

You are also authorized to make the following
repairs, provided your appropriation for Contingent
Expenses for the current fiscal year will admit of the
expenditure; To extend the wood house ten feet and

shingle the roof, at a cost of ninety-five dollars.
 to renew the arbor, and to substitute a new arbor for the old
 one, at a cost not exceeding seventy-five dollars, and to
 make such repairs, painting &c, as may be required to the
 interior of the building, at a cost not exceeding three
hundred and fifty dollars.

In regard to supplying the building with a fifty-foot
 flag staff at an expense of one hundred dollars, I do
 not feel justified in authorizing so large an expenditure,
 and before doing so, would like to be furnished with
 your reasons for requesting a flag pole of such un-
 usual height. If new flags are required they will
 have to be purchased and paid from your appropria-
 tion for Contingent Expenses, as they are not
 purchased by the Department for the Mint and
 Assay Offices.

The old window shades, door mats and rugs, which
 you wish to drop from your return of fixtures and
 apparatus, you will sell at the best prices you can
 obtain for the same, and deposit the gross proceeds
 in the Treasury of the United States, transmitting a
 certificate of deposit to this office covering the amount.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Supt. Mint.

March 27, 1883.

Carson.

Sir;

I transmit herewith duplicate receipted bills of
Henry Trexner of Philadelphia, for one analytical
 balance and set of grain weights, forwarded from Mint
 amounting to \$168.50 accompanied by the certificate
 of the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint as to
 the correctness of the weights. Payment therefore is to be
 made by you from your appropriation for Contingent

Expenses for the current fiscal year.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Buchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

March 27, 1883.

Carson City.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon special Assay Coins taken from the first delivery in each week at your Mint during the month of Feb. 1883 and forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations. The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Buchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

March 27, 1883.

Carson

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement an account of the Union Pacific Railway Company for the transportation from Council Bluffs to Ogden, in the months of September and October 1882 of five boxes of balances and weights and two boxes of stationery, consigned to your care, amounting to \$444 payable from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint for the current fiscal year. I enclose herewith duplicate bills of lading.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Buchard.

Director.

Supt. Minit.

March 27. 1883.

Carson.

Sir,

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement a bill of the Chicago Rock Island, and Pacific Railway Company for transportation over the non land-grant portion of the road from Chicago to Council Bluffs, in the months of September and October 1882, of 1702 pounds of balances and weights, and two boxes of stationery, consigned to your care, amounting to \$5.85 payable from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Minit for the current fiscal year. I enclose herewith duplicate bills of lading.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Minit.

March 27. 1883.

Carson.

Sir,

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary and Refining expense accounts for the month of January 1883, with my approval except Voucher #103 Ordinary account, bill for telephone in the Minit for which unusual expenditure previous authority was not obtained and the reasons given in your letter of the 19th inst do not satisfy me as to its necessity.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Assayer in charge.
Denver.

March 27, 1883.

Sir;

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement a bill of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway Company for transportation over the non-land grant portion of the road, in the month of July 1882, from Chicago to Council Bluffs of one ton containing a lever press, consigned to your care, amounting to twenty-six cents, payable from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Unit for the current fiscal year. I enclose herewith duplicate bill of lading.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Purchard.

Director.

Assayer in charge.
Denver.

March 27, 1882.

Sir;

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary expense account for the month ending February 28th 1883 with my approval.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Purchard.

Director.

Touchnick Guthrie, Esq.

March 27th 1883.

Representative Union Pacific Railway Co.

Room 91 Corcoran Bldg.

Sir;

I have to inform you that I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement bill of the

Union Pacific Railway Company for transportation of
 Minit supplies from Council Bluffs to Ogden in the months
 of September and October 1882.

The bill as rendered amounted to \$414.98 it has been ap-
 proved for \$412.73 thus being a clerical error in the last
 item - 20.028 pounds at 89.51 cents per one hundred pounds
 which was carried out \$181.52 should be \$179.27

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Pritchard.

Quicksilver.

Hendricks Bros.

March 27, 1883.

49 Cliff St New York.

Gentlemen;

Please state by return mail the lowest price per
 pound at which you will deliver Twenty (20) tons best
 Ingot Copper L. & L. to Quartermaster U. S. A. at Chicago
 for shipment to the Minit of the U. S. at San Francisco.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Pritchard.

Quicksilver.

Supt. Minit.

March 27, 1883.

New Orleans.

Sir:

I return herewith for correction your statement of
 Earnings and Expenditures for the quarter ended Decem-
 ber 31, 1882.

The amount expended for Contingent Expenses at your
 Minit, during the quarter named was, as shown by
 your monthly expense accounts, \$8,198.13 instead
 of \$8,219.65 as entered on your statement, namely:

October \$4,186.48

November 1,331.64

December 2,680.01

Total \$8,198.13.

Your attention is

respectfully divided to the fact that the amount entered as an earning from assays of ores and Bullion is \$748, while the amount deposited on Certificate No 281 and forwarded to this office in your letter of January 9, 1883 was \$23. Please inform me whether the other \$15 has been deposited in the Treasury and if so, the date of the deposit and the number of the certificate.

Please return the enclosed statement with the corrected one.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Supt. Mint.

March 27, 1883.

New Orleans.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Expenses account for the month ending February 28th 1883, with my approval.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Nathan Lotter & Co.

March 27, 1883.

36 North Front St.

Philadelphia.

Gentlemen,

Please state by return mail the lowest price per pound at which you will deliver twenty (20) tons best Ingot Copper f. o. b. to Quartermaster U. S. at Chicago for shipment to the Mint of the U. S. at San Francisco.

Very respectfully, Horatio C. Burchard, Director.

Similar letter sent to.

Pope Cole & Co.

57. South Gay St. Baltimore.

Supt. Mint.

March 27, 1883.

Philadelphia

Sir;

Enclosed herewith find draft in your favor for fifty dollars, for which I will thank you to forward on receipt hereof fifty dollars in five cent nickel coins to Mr. Madden Genesee Street, Auburn, New York.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quidā ✓

Supt. Mint.

March 27, 1883.

San Francisco

Sir;

In reply to your letter of the 19th inst. I have to say that the copper canisters requested in your letter of December 23, 1882 were ordered from the American Lake Works at Boston on the 3rd of January last. Nothing more was heard from this company until after the receipt of your letter of the 27th ultimo, when their attention was called to the matter, and they were requested to ship the canisters without further delay. I am in receipt of a letter dated the 21st instant in which it is stated that the canisters have been delivered to Major Ecenon, Quartermaster at Boston, for shipment.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quidā ✓

Supt. Mint.

March 27, 1883.

San Francisco

Sir;

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement an account of the Union Pacific Railway

Company for the transportation, in the months of September and October 1882, from Council Bluffs to Ogden of 40,028 pounds of copper, consigned to your care, amounting to \$358.29 payable from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Unit for the current fiscal year. I enclose herewith duplicate bills of lading.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burdard.

Director.

Asst. Mmt.

March 27, 1883

San Francisco.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, a bill of the Chicago, Rock Island, and Pacific Railway Company for the transportation over the non-land grant portion of the road, in the months of August and September 1882, from Chicago to Council Bluffs of 48,000 pounds of pine and 40,028 pounds of copper, consigned to your care, amounting to \$708.99 payable from the following appropriations:

San Francisco Contingent 1883

\$69.92

Parting and Refining Bullion

49.07

I enclose herewith duplicate bills of lading.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burdard.

Director.

Telegram.

J & W. Seligman & Co

March 29, 1883

New York.

Your offers declined.

Horatio C. Burdard

Director.

Telegram.

Confirmed.

Similar telegram sent to

Grimmerman & Torrey

New York.

Telegram, Assayer in Charge.

March 29, 1883.

Boise City.

Superintendent of Wells Fargo's Express telegraphs that intensions have been given agent at Boise to ship bullion without collecting payment on delivery.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Director.

Telegram, Bozén & Colorado Smelting Company.

March 29, 1883.

Denver, Colo.

Your offer of fifty thousand ounces at one hundred ten and sixty nine hundredth cents per ounce accepted for Philadelphia.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Director.

Telegram, Wandy & Cronie.

March 29, 1883.

24, Nassau Street

New York.

Eighty thousand ounces of your offer accepted for New Orleans, balance declined.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Director.

Telegram, Superintend Mint.

March 29, 1883

New Orleans.

Recusi from Wandy and Cronie eighty thousand ounces at one hundred ten and seventy nine hundredth cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Director.

Telegram, Hon A. L. Snowden.

March 29, 1883.

Care St Charles Hotel.

re Supt Mint. New Orleans.

When will you be in Philadelphia, and by which route return?

Horatio C. Burchard. Director.

Treasury Auditor.

March 29, 1883.

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Ordinary and Refinery expense accounts of the Superintendent of the U.S. Mint at Carson Nev. for the month ending February 28, 1883, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

March 29, 1883

Carson.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting offices of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary and Refinery expense accounts for the month ending February 28th 1883 with my approval. I will thank you to forward "accounts current" at your earliest convenience.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

W. L. Green, Esq.

March 29, 1883.

Harmony Grove, Ga.

Sir:

A package of mutilated silver coin from your address was received at this office and forwarded to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia with instructions to give to coin proper attention and remit to you the proceeds.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

March 29, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir,

Your letter of yesterday is received. I am aware as you suppose, of the custom in your Mint of charging the payment of the total amount of every gold warrant to gold coinage and of silver warrants to silver coinage, although the first actually calls for a portion to be paid and is paid in silver and the latter for like payment of a part in gold; and of the difficulty that this practice occasions in attempting to keep an account of the actual amount of coin of each kind in your Mint as called for by your accounts.

You probably remember the objection I made to this practice; it necessitated an adjustment entry which was carried into an adjustment account containing this and other discrepancies and rendered my published statements based on Mint reports and accounts erroneous and unsatisfactory. That account has been discontinued at all of the Institutions. At San Francisco the book-keeper and cashier readily at my suggestion had an additional column ruled in the cashier's ledger of warrants paid, daily footings of which columns and their difference show the total amount of gold and silver respectively called for by the warrants paid during the day.

I am aware that in making change to the actual payments in gold or silver will vary from the amounts called for by the warrants; but under the law and regulations silver can be paid out in change on gold deposits and in exchange for gold coin, and an entry under this head of the difference between the total amount of gold and silver paid out and called for by the warrants would correct any excess in gold and corresponding deficiency in silver.

I forward you to-day cashier's Register of payments of

warrants for gold deposits similar to the one used at San Francisco. Please direct your cashier to prepare and submit to you at the close of business tomorrow (Friday) a statement of the exact amount of each denomination of coin and the total amount of currency in his possession at that time. I will take an early opportunity to confer with you and with him, and see what form of report is practicable, which will show the condition of his funds and the character of his receipts and payments.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicksilver.

Supt. Mint.

March 29, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day at the Department by the Secretary of the Treasury for delivery at your Mint of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for, as may be preferred, either in silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in silver dollars to wit, of -

Boston & Colorado Smelting Co 50,000 ounces at \$1.1069.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicksilver.

Supt. Mint.

March 29, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I forward to your address per registered mail a package of mutilated silver coin received from N. C. Green Harmony Grove, Ga for redemption. Please give the coin proper attention and remit to him the proceeds.

Very respectfully Horatio C. Burchard Quicksilver.

Supt. Mint.

March 29. 1883.

Philadelphia

Sir,

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

✓ 1 Book of Certificates and Receipts for the payment of gold deposits No. 180.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Puchard.

Director. ✓

Telegram.

Daniel Meyer.

March 30. 1883.

San Francisco Cal.

✓ Offer not received until this morning and is declined.

Horatio C. Puchard.

Confirmed.

Director.

Similar telegram sent to.

Telegram.

Anglo Californian BankSan Francisco Cal.

" "

Bank of California.

"

"

" ✓

Telegram

Supt. Mint.

March 30 1883.

Carson City.

✓ Advance purchasing rate of silver to one hundred ten and one quarter cents per ounce fine

Horatio C. Puchard.

Confirmed

Director. ✓

Similar telegram sent to

Telegram.

Superintendent Mint.✓ San Francisco Cal.

Telegram.

Supt. Mint.

March 30. 1883.

New Orleans.

✓ Advance purchasing rate of silver to one hundred ten and seventy hundredth cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Puchard.

Confirmed.

Director. ✓

Telegram.

Capt. Minit

March 30, 1883.

New Orleans.

When did Mr Snorden leave New Orleans, and purpose
to reach Philadelphia?

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quincy.

Messrs Wendicks Bros.

March 30, 1883.

49 Cliff Street.

New York.

Gentlemen:

Your offer to sell and deliver. F. O. B. the
cars at Chicago twenty tons of ingot copper at Eastern
and five-eighths cents per pound is respectfully declined.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quincy.

Chas Holt & Son.

March 30, 1883.

30 Exchange Place

New York.

Sirs:

Your bill of the 26th inst for cupels purchased for
the use of the Laboratory amounting to \$ 24.48 has been
approved, and referred to the proper accounting officials of
the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount
will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quincy.

Supt. Mint.

March 30, 1883.

New Orleans.

Sir;

I return herewith, properly verified, list of distances to certain cities and towns enclosed in your letter of the 20th inst.

The distance to Arkadelphia, Arkansas, is already entered on the book as 594 miles, instead of 618 as on your list.

The distance to -

Hope, Arkansas,	is verified as 475 miles, instead of 630
Malvern " " " "	544 " " 590
Temple Texas " " "	597 " " 659
Whitesboro " " "	615 " " 691

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

Supt. Mint.

March 30, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

I enclose herewith a copy of a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury approving the design marked No. 1. on sketch enclosed herewith for attachment to the Life-saving Medal.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

Supt. Mint.

March 30, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

Until further notice the purchasing rate of silver bullion in lots of less than ten thousand ounces will be one hundred ten and seventy hundredths cents per ounce fine at your Mint.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard. Quictor.

Supt. Mint.

March 30, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

- 1 Register of Gold Ingots and Clippings.
- 1 Book of Gold Deposits sent to the Refinery.
- 1 Book of Silver Purchases sent to the Refinery.
- 2 Books of Gold Deposits received M & P's Dept.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director. 1

Messrs. Pope, Cole & Co

March 30, 1883

57 South Gay Street.

Baltimore.

Gentlemen

Your offer to sell and deliver T. O. B. the cans at Chicago twenty tons of ingot copper at sixteen and one-half cents per pound is respectfully declined.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director. 1

S. L. Pollock, Esq.

March 30, 1883.

Clerke Office U. S. Dist. Court.

New Orleans.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 27th instant in relation to your bill for \$16.40 for reporting the investigation at the Mint conducted by Mr. Preston about a month and a half ago. I would inform you that a draft for the amount was mailed February 28, 1883 to the care of the Superintendent of the Mint at New Orleans. You will see him, and if he has not received it, please have him so telegraph me and I will endeavor to have it forwarded.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard Director.

Am Chas J. Folger.

March 30, 1883.

Secretary of the Treasury

Sir:

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the Assay Office at Boise City, Idaho to that of the Mint at San Francisco, Cal. of the sum of thirty one thousand four hundred and ninety-four ⁸²/₁₀₀ Dollars. (\$31,594.82) in gold coin, and two hundred and seventy three ⁷⁶/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$273.76) in silver coin, making a total of thirty one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight ⁵⁸/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$31,868.58) being the net value of bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Boise City for Coinage as shown by Memoranda No. 6823, 6824, 6825, dated March 22 1883. of gold bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Claus Spreckles Esq.

March 30, 1883

San Francisco.

Sir:

Your letter in reference to striking coins for the Hawaiian Government is received, and will receive early attention.

Very respectfully

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Messrs. Nathan Lotter & Co

March 30, 1883.

36 North Front Street.

Philadelphia.

Gentlemen,

Your offer to sell and deliver twenty tons of best pigot copper, Baltimore brand, at fifteen and one-eighth cents per pound, F. O. B. the Cars at Chicago for

shipment to the U. S. Mint at San Francisco is accepted.
 I will thank you to deliver the same to Cot. C. H. Tompkins, Quartermaster at Chicago, who has been requested to receive and forward it.

You will transmit your account receipted in duplicate, accompanied by the Quartermaster's receipt to this Office. In accepting your offer it is understood that you guarantee the copper furnished to be the best Baltimore ingot, and suitable in every respect for alloying the gold and silver coins of the United States.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Cot. Charles H. Tompkins.

March 30, 1883.

Deputy Quartermaster General U. S. A.
 Chicago.

Sir:

I have requested Messrs Nathan Lotter and Company of Philadelphia, to deliver to you F. O. B. the cars, twenty tons of ingot copper for shipment to the U. S. Mint at San Francisco.

I will thank you to receive and forward the same as provided by General Order No 66, dated July 24, 1876.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Mess. Orr, Kell & Morgan.

March 31, 1883.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Gentlemen.

I have this day forwarded to you by B. & P. R. R. one assay rolling machine. Please make the necessary repairs, and an extra pair of loaves and return to this office with bill of expense.

Very respectfully R. C. Preston

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

March 31, 1883.

New Orleans.

Sir:

Referring to the letter of this office of the 9th inst. relating to the alterations in the clause of the contract of the Adams Express Company for the transportation of gold and silver bullion, I enclose herewith copy of a letter under date of the 27th instant, from the Acting Secretary of the Treasury stating that the amendments to the contract will go into effect from after April 1st.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Similar letter sent toSupt MintPhiladelphia Pa.

Hon Chas J. Folger

March 31, 1883.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the Assay Office at Charlotte N. C. to that of the Mint at Philadelphia Pa of the sum of One thousand six hundred and fifty-six $\frac{33}{100}$ Dollars (\$1651.33) in gold coin, and Fifteen $\frac{06}{100}$ Dollars (\$15.06) in silver coin, making a total of One thousand Six hundred and sixty-six $\frac{41}{100}$ Dollars (\$1666.41) being the net value of bullion heretofore forwarded by the assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte for coinage as shown by Memorandum No. 527, dated Mch 27, 1883. of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Telegram.

Supt. Mint.

April 2. 1883.

New Orleans.

✓ Coin Eight hundred and fifty thousand silver dollars
in April.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Director.

Telegram.

Supt. Mint.

April 2. 1883.

San Francisco.

✓ Coin four hundred thousand silver dollars in April.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Director.

Messrs. Bullock & Crenshaw.

April 2. 1883.

No 528 Arch Street.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Gentlemen:

✓ Your offer to import for the use of the U. S. Mint at Carson, Nevada an Assaying Balance No 12 with grain, and half grain weights as stated in my letter of the 27th ultimo for \$ 149.04 is accepted.

I will thank you to inform me when the balance and weights arrive that I may take steps to have the same admitted free of duty.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

William Bell, Esq.

April 2. 1883.

Baltimore, Md.

✓ Sir;

Your letter requesting copies of such reports on the production of gold and silver in the United States as may have been issued since 1880 has been received. I have sent you by to-day's mail copy of my special report for 1881 which is the last report on the produc-

tion of gold and silver issued by this Bureau, the report for 1882 not having been yet printed.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burdard.

Director. ✓

Supt. Mint.

April 2, 1883.

Carson.

Sir;

The number of silver dollars to be coined by your Mint during the month of April has been fixed at one hundred thousand pieces

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burdard.

Director. ✓

Supt. Mint.

April 2, 1883.

Carson.

Sir;

Referring to the abstract sheets of silver purchases made at your Mint during the quarter ended December 31, 1882, your attention is respectfully directed to the following purchases with the request that you will inform me why a refining charge was not levied on each case, namely:

October 13	Receipt No 497	<u>C. H. Rulison</u>
" 13	" " 499	do
November 18	" " 571	<u>J. G. Cohe.</u>
" 10	" " 557	<u>C. H. Rulison</u>
December 7	" " 600	do
" 7	" " 602	<u>George C. Bryson.</u>
" 7	" " 603	do

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burdard.

Director. ✓

Supt. Mint.

April 2, 1883.

Carson

Sir;

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement a bill of the Central Pacific Railroad Company for the transportation in the months of November and December 1882 from San Francisco to Reno of certain supplies consigned to your care amounting to \$14.33 payable from the appropriation for "Contingent Expenses of your Mint" for the current fiscal year. Enclosed find duplicate bill of lading.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

Geo. H. Cook, Esq.

April 2, 1883.

New Brunswick.

N. J.

Sir;

Your letter requesting copies of reports for 1880, 1881, and 1882 has been received. I send you by to-day's mail two (2) copies of 1880 and one (1) of 1881. The special report for 1882 has not yet been printed. I will place your name upon the list of those to whom copies of that report are to be sent and will forward copy as soon as printed.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

Southwick Guthrie, Esq.

April 2, 1883.

Room 91 Corcoran Building.

Sir;

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement a bill of the Central Pacific Railroad

Company for the transportation in the months of November and December 1882, from San Francisco to Reno of one box, one barrel, one cask of crucibles and two cases of acid consigned to the Superintendent of U. S. Mint at Carson amounting to \$14.33.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

T. M. Loomis, Esq.

April 2, 1883.

Teller Second National Bank.

Lonia, Mich.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 27th ultimo, I have to state that you can procure five-cent nickel coins by forwarding \$20. or any multiple thereof to the Superintendent Mint U. S. at Philadelphia, Pa.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Hon. N. C. McFarland.

April 2, 1883.

Comm'r of the General Land Office.

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 30th ultimo informing me that the maps of Arizona, Montana, and Idaho have been exhausted; the other maps mailed from your office on the 30th ultimo have been received, for which you will please accept my thanks.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

April 2, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

The following Blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

1 Store Keepers Ledger made in conformity with sample enclosed in your letter of 14th of Feby. 1883.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

April 2, 1883.

Philadelphia: Pa.

Sir;

The number of Silver Dollars to be coined by your Mint during the month of April has been fixed at one million pieces.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

April 2, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

The following assay coins received at your Mint during the month of March and forwarded to this Office have been received viz:

7 Standard Silver Dollars	\$ 7.00
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30 Dimes	3.00
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Total Value	<u>10.00</u>
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Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard

Director.

Supt. Mmt.
San Francisco.

April 2. 1883.

Sir:

Enclose herewith find duplicate invoice of the American
Tube Works for seamless copper tubes delivered to Maj.
T. G. Eckerson, Quartermaster U. S. A., Boston, Mass. for ship-
ment to your Mmt.

✓ Payment for the same to be made from your appropriation
for Contingent Expenses 1883.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director. ✓

Supt. Mmt.

Carson.

April 3. 1883.

✓ Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one hundred and ten
cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Similar telegram sent to

Supt Mmt.

✓ San Francisco Cal. ✓

Supt. Mmt.

New Orleans.

April 3. 1883.

✓ Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one hundred ten and
one half cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director. ✓

Supt. Mmt.

Philadelphia.

April 3. 1883.

✓ Forward expense accounts for February to day if possible.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director. ✓

Supt. Minit.

April 3. 1883.

Carson.

Sir,

Your attention is called to a letter from this office dated Feb'y. 12, 1883, transmitting a draft on the Assistant Treasurer at San Francisco for \$165. the value assay coins received during the 6 months ended December 31, 1882.

I will thank you to inform me if the draft referred to has been received by you.

Very respectfully.

Arratis C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Minit.

April 3. 1883.

Carson.

Sir,

Referring to your letter of the 26th ulto, requesting two books - "Records of supplies received" and consumed - I return herewith the sample sheets enclosed to have the same made to conform with each other. The supplies consumed must necessarily have been received, and yet a number of headings appear on the "Record of supplies consumed" that have no place on that of "Supplies received." It seems to me that the two sample sheets should be fac-similes, and that they might be bound in the same book. I make this suggestion because a book of 75 p/p would not bind well while one of 150 or 200 p/p might be bound in heavy boards with Russia ends and bands. Your samples had better be cut to the size you deem your book to be.

Very respectfully.

Arratis C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Minit.

April 3. 1883.

Carson.

Sir;

✓ R/O No 730 for \$6.91 being on account of sale of old material enclosed in your communication of the 24th ultimo has been received properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury on personal credit to be given you in your accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "miscellaneous receipt".

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicks. ✓

Supt. Minit.

April 3. 1883.

Carson.

Sir;

✓ I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement a bill of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company for the transportation from Washington to Chicago, in the month of September 1882, of two boxes of stationery consigned to your care, amounting to \$1.88 payable from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Minit for the current fiscal year. Enclosed please find duplicate bill and bill of lading.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicks. ✓

Assayer in Charge.

April 3. 1883.

Cramer.

Sir;

✓ Requisition has this day been made upon the Printer for Blank Assay Reports No 39 B. 1000 copies

Gold Bulletin melted No 102 a 500 copies, and as requested in your letter of the 29th ultimo the same will

be mailed you as soon as received

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Purchard.

Director. ✓

Supt. Assay Office.

April 3. 1883.

New York.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of April 1883, has been approved for the sum of \$5800, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries 1883. \$3200

Wages of Workmen " 1800

Contingent Expenses. " 800

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Purchard.

Director. ✓

Supt. Assay Office.

April 3. 1883.

New York.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$7000 to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Parting and refining bullion."

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Purchard.

Director. ✓

Supt. Mmit.

April 3, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir,

Until further notice the purchasing rate of silver bullion in lots of less than ten thousand ounces will be one hundred ten and one half cents per ounce fine.

Very respectfully,

Hnatio C. Purchard.

Quicks.

Supt. Mmit.

April 3, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir,

I enclose herewith an additional table of distances to enable you to make payments for the shipment of silver dollars to certain towns named therein.

Very respectfully,

Hnatio C. Purchard.

Quicks.

Supt. Mmit.

April 3, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir,

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of April, 1883, has been approved for the sum of \$33,500, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mmit during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1883	\$ 3,500
Wages of workmen	"	20,000
Contingent Expenses	"	10,000

Very respectfully,

Hnatio C. Purchard.

Quicks.

Supt. Mint.

April 3. 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$800 to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution during the present month payable from the appropriation for "Packing and refining bullion".

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

April 3. 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have not received your Ordinary Expense Accounts for the month of February and it is probable that your requisitions for funds may be held up by the Comptroller unless more vouchers are in the possession of the Department. You are probably aware that Section 3622 of the Revised Statutes requires the monthly expense accounts to be rendered within ten days after the expiration of the month, and I presume that yours have been unavoidably detained. I would suggest if possible that they be forwarded more promptly so as to comply with the law and to facilitate the passage of your requisitions through the Department.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

April 3. 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 2nd inst., I have this day made requisition on the Secretary of the Treasury

in your behalf for the sum of ten thousand dollars, payable from the appropriation for the coinage of the standard silver dollar contained in the Act of February 28, 1878.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burdard,

Director. ✓

Supt. Mint.

April 3, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

Referring to the statement of old material sold, enclosed in your letter of the 2nd inst., your attention is directed to the following apparent errors in calculations of the value of iron sold, viz:

3120 lbs	Wrought iron @ \$16. per ton	\$22.00	should be	\$22.28
2120 "	Ante-rim rail pipe @ \$26. " "	31.01	" "	31.57
920 "	Wrought iron @ \$14. " "	10.06	" "	9.88
1310 "	Steel @ \$23. " "	13.00	" "	13.45
10,785 "	Good Cast-iron @ \$17.50 " "	83.63	" "	84.25

I will thank you to explain these discrepancies.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burdard,

Director. ✓

Assayer in Charge.

April 3, 1883.

St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

200 Memorandums of Gold bullion deposited (Form 42 D)

The Treasurer has been requested to furnish the Statements of the condition of the Bullion Fund and Transcripts &c. asked for in same letter.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burdard.

Director. ✓

Supt. Mint.

San Francisco.

April 3. 1883.

Sir;

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$5,000 to meet the expenses of the refining in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Parting and refining bullion".

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quinto. ✓

Supt. Mint.

San Francisco.

April 3. 1883.

Sir;

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of April 1883, has been approved for the sum of \$25,500 payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1883	<u>\$3,500</u>
Wages of workmen	"	<u>17,000</u>
Contingent Expenses	"	<u>5,000</u>

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quinto. ✓

To the

Treasurer U. S.

Washington D. C.

April 3. 1883.

Sir;

I will thank you to cause to be sent to the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at St Louis Mo, a supply of "Statements of the condition of the Bullion Fund" and Transcript corresponding with same, say two hundred of each.

Very respectfully, Horatio C. Burchard. ✓

Quinto.

Supt. Mint.

April 4, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Mint be increased by a transfer of One million Silver Dollars, and that the same be placed to your credit with Assistant Treasurer at New York.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Furchard.

Director.

Similar letter sent toSupt. Mint✓ San Francisco, Cal.

Trust Auditor.

April 4, 1883.

Treasury Dept.

Sir:

✓ I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary Refining and Standard Silver dollar Ex. accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia for the month ending February 28, 1883, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Furchard.

Director. ✓

Supt. Mint.

April 4, 1883.

Carlton, Me.

Sir:

The Supt. of the Mint at Philadelphia has forwarded to this office a letter addressed by you to him under date of March 27th 1882 requesting the purchase and shipment of 10 barrels bass wood sawdust, and I have given direction for the purchase and shipment of the same. In future when it becomes necessary for any supplies to be purchased in the east for your Mint, you will make your requisition for the same direct to this office.

Very respectfully. Horatio C. Furchard. Director.

Assayer in Charge.
Charlotte.

April 4, 1883.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your ordinary expense account, Abstracts and Vouchers for the month ending February 28, 1883.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Purchard.

Director. ✓

Assayer in Charge.
Charlotte.

April 4, 1883.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of April 1883, has been approved for the sum of \$393.26 payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your institution during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries.	1883	<u>\$226.60</u>
Wages of workmen	"	} <u>166.66</u>
Contingent Expenses	"	

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Purchard.

Director. ✓

Assayer in Charge.
Denver.

April 4, 1883.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Mint be increased One hundred thousand dollars by a transfer of that amount, and that the same be placed to your credit with the Colorado National Bank. Denver.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Purchard.

Director. ✓

Col. S. B. Holabird.

April 4, 1883.

Asst. Quartermaster Gen. U. S. A.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir;

I have requested the Supt. of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia to deliver to you 10 barrels bass wood sawdust for shipment to the U. S. Mint at Carson City, Nevada which I will thank you to receive and forward as provided by General Order, No 66, dated Adjutant General's Office, Washington July 24, 1876.

Very respectfully,

Amos C. Burchard.

Director. ✓

Hon. Robert L. Lincoln

April 4, 1883.

Secretary of War.

Sir;

I will thank you to furnish this office with a bound copy of the Table of distances published by your Department.

Very respectfully,

Amos C. Burchard.

Director. ✓

Supt. Mint.

April 4, 1883.

New Orleans.

Sir;

Your letter of the 31st ultimo enclosing the Assayer's statement of "Comparative assays of Gold coin" and the melter and Refiner's letter to the Assayer relative to condemned ingots is received.

Very respectfully,

Amos C. Burchard.

Director. ✓

Supt. Mint
New Orleans.

April 4, 1883.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon special assay coins taken from the first deliveries in each week at your Mint during the month of February 1883 and forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.
Philadelphia.

April 4, 1883.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 3rd inst enclosing a letter from the Supt. U. S. Mint at Carson Nevada, requesting you to purchase 10 barrels bass wood saw dust for the use of that Mint.

You will please purchase the saw dust desired and deliver the same to Col S. B. Holabird, Assistant Quartermaster General U. S. A. who has been requested to receive and forward the same.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.
Philadelphia.

April 4, 1883.

Sir:

Referring to your Ordinary Expense Account for the month of February 1883, I observe that the name of John Wesley a laborer in the General Department of your Mint does not appear on the pay-rolls of the month. I will thank you to explain whether this man has ceased to be an

employ of your Mint.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

✓

Supt. Mint.

April 4, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officer of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary Refining and St. Silver Dollar accounts for the month ending February 28, 1883. with my approval.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

✓

Supt. Mint.

April 4, 1883.

San Francisco.

Sir:

Referring to the abstract sheets accompanying your Bullion Accounts for the quarter ended December 31, 1882 your attention is respectfully directed to the following error in calculating the standard weight of a deposit of silver bullion for fine bars made on the 18th day of December by the Anglo Californian Bank.

Receipt No 9. Assay No 411 the standard weight of the silver is calculated as 1801.73 ounces; it should be 1802.73 ounces. You will please examine and report how this error occurred.

Your attention is also directed to two clerical errors on the 'silver purchase sheets', namely;

Assay No 2493, the gross weight is entered as 1248.40 ounces. It should be 1448.40 ounces. Assay No 2575, the gross weight is entered as 1152.70 ounces; it should be 1052.70 ounces.

These last two errors I have corrected in pencil on your abstract sheets.

Very respectfully Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Hon Chas J. Folger.
Secretary of the Treasury.

April 4, 1883

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia be increased in the sum of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) by a transfer of that amount in Standard Silver Dollars, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of the said Mint with the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Hon Chas. J. Folger.
Secretary of the Treasury.

April 4, 1883.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco be increased in the sum of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) by a transfer of that amount in Standard Silver Dollars, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of the said Mint with the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Hon Chas J. Folger.
Secretary of the Treasury.

April 4, 1883.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the bullion fund of the Mint of the U. S. at Denver ~~Colorado~~ be increased One Hundred thousand dollars by a transfer of that amount and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said Mint with the Colorado

National Bank, Denver, Colorado.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Claus Spreckels, Esq.

April 4, 1883.

327 Market Street

San Francisco.

Sir:

Referring to your letter - undated - in relation to the Mint of the United States manufacturing coin for the Hawaiian Government I have to state that it is necessary that the Department should have official evidence that you are the authorized Agent of that Government before the coin can be struck. Please procure and forward the same as early as practicable. This will make no delay in the coinage as some time will be required to prepare the dies.

The photograph of the King transmitted by your letter is unsuitable for the Engraver in executing the dies, as that officer informs me that he will require a profile instead of a full face.

On account of the ^{low} relief permissible on a coin, only a profile can be used. A full face may be placed on high relief, on a medal only, which requires a large number of blows from the press to bring up the impression.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Telegram Anglo Californian Bank. April 5th 1883.
San Francisco.

✓ Your offer declined.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Quictor.

Similar telegram sent to.

Telegram. ✓ Bank of California San Francisco.

" ✓ W. H. Haues

Telegram Daniel Meyer April 5th 1883.
San Francisco.

✓ Your offer accepted

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Quictor.

Similar telegram sent to.

Telegram. J. & W. Seligman & Co

New York. N. Y.

" ✓ Grimmerman & Forshay

" " "

Telegram Boston and Colorado Smelting Co. April 5th 1883.
Denver. Colo.

✓ Your offer accepted for New Orleans, at one hundred ten
and eighty-four hundredths cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Quictor.

Telegram. Supt. Mint. April 5th 1883.
Carson City.

✓ Offer of Bryan accepted.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Quictor.

Telegram. Jas. B. Colgate & Co. April 5th 1883.
47 Wall Street, New York.

✓ Your offer accepted for Philadelphia.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Quictor.

Telegram. Nandy & Cronin.

April 5, 1888.

24 Nassau Street, New York.

One hundred thousand ounces of your offer accepted for New Orleans, and One hundred thousand ounces for Philadelphia.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Quictor.

Telegram. Supt. Mint.

April 5, 1888

New Orleans.

✓ Enclve paid dollar dies sent you on Monday, do you wish additional supply.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Quictor.

Telegram. Supt. Mint.

April 5, 1888.

New Orleans, La.✓ Received from Boston and Colorado Smelting Company thirty thousand ounces at one hundred ten and eighty four hundredth cents per ounce from Nandy & Cronin, one hundred thousand at one hundred ten and eighty-six hundredth cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Quictor.

Telegram Hon A. Luden Snowden,

April 5, 1888.

At Hotel Jacksonville Fla.

✓ When will you be in Washington?

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

Telegram. Supt. Mint.

April 5, 1888.

Philadelphia.

✓ Please send four pairs dies for silver dollars to Mint at New Orleans as soon as possible.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Quictor.

Supt. Mint.

April 5, 1883.

San Francisco, Cal.

✓ Receive from Daniel Meyer fifteen thousand ounces at one hundred ten and twenty four hundredth cents per ounce
 fine.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Trust Auditor.

April 5, 1883.

Treasury Department.

Sir;

✓ I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Ordinary expense accounts of the Assayers in charge of the U. S. Assay Offices at Charlotte, Boise and St. Louis, for the month ending February 28, 1883, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Assayer in Charge.

April 5, 1883.

Boise City, Idaho.

Sir;

✓ I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary account for the month ending February 28, 1883 with my approval.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Similar letter sent to✓ Assayer in ChargeCharlotte, N. C.✓ St. Louis Mo.

" " "

Wm Ballantyne & Son.

April 5, 1883.

428 7th Street City.

Gentlemen,

Your bill of the 30th ultimo for books purchased for the use of this bureau amounting to \$20.25 has been approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days, a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Emis & Amend

April 5, 1883.

205 3rd Avenue

New York City

Gentlemen;

Your bill of the 31st ultimo for 50 lbs lead, purchased for the use of the Laboratory in connection with this bureau amounting to \$12.76 has been approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement. In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Assay Office.

April 5, 1883.

New York City.

Sir;

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary and Refining expense accounts with Abstracts and Vouchers for the month ending March 31st 1883.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard, Director.

Supt. Mmt.
New Orleans.

April 5. 1883.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz.

✓ 1 Book of Superintendents Gold Clippings to 17.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mmt.
Philadelphia

April 5. 1883.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 4th instant in which you state that the errors in your statement of old material sold occurred in the pressure of business.

The amount of material sold as entered on this statement at the prices given (the price for the wrought iron being \$24.50 as mentioned in your letter) should have produced \$440.25 instead of \$438.34 which you have covered into the Treasury.

If the amount of material sold and the prices obtained are correctly stated the amount to be deposited in the Treasury should be \$440.25, or \$191 more than the certificate of deposit forwarded with your statement if the prices obtained or the amount sold are incorrectly stated on the statement furnished you will please prepare and forward to this Office a corrected one.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

April 5, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day at the Department by the Secretary of the Treasury for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for, as may be preferred, either in silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in silver dollars, to wit, of -

J & W Seligman & Co	25,000 ounces at	<u>\$ 1.1065</u>
" " " "	25,000 " "	<u>1.1068</u>
J B. Colgate & Co	75,000 " "	<u>1.1085</u>
Handy & Cronin	100,000 " "	<u>1.1086</u>
Zimmerman & Loshay	10,000 " "	<u>1.1080</u>

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Pinchard,

Quicks.

Supt. Mint.

April 5, 1883.

Philadelphia

Sir:

I enclose herewith a draft on the Assistant Treasurer at Philadelphia for \$5, for which I will thank you to return to me two quarter eagles of the coinage of 1883.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Pinchard,

Quicks.

P. B. Knight, Esq.

April 5, 1883.

New York.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 29th ultimo, I have to say that no change is contemplated, as far as I have any knowledge, in the size of the 3 cent nickel coin; but if legislation be proposed modifying the law, in regard to

the weight or character of the 3 cent piece. I will bear in mind your suggestion in regard to the size.

As to the five cent nickel pieces action was taken in regard to their size some weeks ago, and the dies have already been prepared.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quincy. ✓

Albert Williams, Jr. Esq.

April 5. 1883.

U. S. Geological Survey.

Department of the Interior.

Sir,

In further reply to your letter of February 20th, in relation to the copper-nickel coinage and the amount of nickel consumed, I transmit herewith a statement prepared by my request at the Mint at Philadelphia as the records of this Office do not show this information in detail prior to 1873, the date of the organization of the Mint Bureau.

The amount of pure nickel used in the coinage as shown by the statement does not represent a net consumption, as the one-cent nickel pieces received by the Treasury or exchanged for other coin at the Mint are not re-issued but melted from time to time and recoined into five cent pieces. There has been also a small recoinage of mutilated and worn copper-nickel coins of the denominations of five and three cents.

I am unable to furnish the amount of one cent nickel pieces that have been received or redeemed; the records of this Office show about \$500,000 as having been received at the Mint, but do not state whether they were received from the Treasury or from individuals. All of these pieces eventually will be withdrawn from circulation and will be

remitted into coins of their denomination.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director. ✓

Assayer in Charge.

Denver, Colo.

April 6, 1883.

Sir,

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of April, 1883, has been approved for the sum of \$ 25.00, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1883	<u>\$ 1,000.</u>
Wages of workmen	"	<u>1,000.</u>
Contingent Expenses	"	<u>5.00.</u>

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director. ✓

Supt. Assay Office.

New York.

April 6, 1883.

Sir,

As this office is furnished daily by cablegram with the London price of silver it will be unnecessary for you to telegraph the same on Thursday of each week. You will however continue to telegraph the rate of sight sterling exchange.

As no purchases of silver are made at your office it does not seem necessary that your Contingent fund should be taxed with the expense of procuring daily, the London quotation of silver and you are directed to discontinue the same as soon as practicable.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director. ✓

Hon Chas. J. Folger,
Secretary of the Treasury.

April 6, 1883.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte to that of the Mint at Philadelphia, Pa. of the sum of One thousand seven hundred and fifteen $\frac{28}{100}$ Dollars (\$ 1715.28) in gold coin, and Twenty-two $\frac{3}{4}$ Dollars (\$ 22.37) in silver coin, making a total of One thousand, seven hundred, and Thirty-seven $\frac{65}{100}$ Dollars (\$ 1737.65) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte for coinage as shown by Memorandum No 558, dated Apr. 2, 1883, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Purchard,
Director.

J. M. Wright,
Gen Manager Southern Exposition,
Louisville Ky.

April 6, 1883.

Sir:

Your letter of the 30th ultimo to the Secretary of the Treasury, in relation to the striking of medals, &c. commemorative of the Southern Exposition and of the awards to be made exhibitors thereat, has been referred to this Office, and in reply I would state that there will be no difficulty in striking the medals at the Mint at Philadelphia provided your Association will furnish the necessary dies, as it is doubtful whether with the amount of work devolving upon the Engraver's Department of the Mint the dies can be prepared thereat in time to strike the medals by the time they would be required for your use.

Very respectfully Horatio C. Purchard,
Director.

Acting Superintendent Mint.

Philadelphia

April 7, 1883.

Please advise me by telegraph when Mr. Inboden is.

Horatio C. Burckhard.

Director. ✓

Assayer in Charge.

Charlotte, N. C.

April 7, 1883.

Sir:

I return herewith a letter received from your Office dated April 5th for the signature of the Assayer in Charge.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burckhard.

Director. ✓

Messrs Perry & Co

252 Market Street

San Francisco, Cal.

April 7, 1883.

Gentlemen.

You will please forward a copy of the Mining & Scientific Press to this Office for one year from March 8th transmitting your account in duplicate for the same.

You will also continue the subscription for the second copy, which expires on the 21st of June next transmitting your account in duplicate for the same to this Office.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burckhard.

Director. ✓

Mrs Hyman Gordon

Strand Isle, Pt.

April 7, 1883.

Madam:

At the request of Miss S. M. Landon, I enclose herewith a draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York for \$103.30 in favor of Margaret Gordon.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burckhard. Director. ✓

Miss. S. M. Landon.

April 7. 1883.

Millin Vt.

I have transmitted by to days mail a draft for \$103.30 on the Assistant Treasurer at New York payable to Margaret Gordon, and have forwarded the same under cover, to Mrs. Norman Gordon, Grand Isle Vermont, as requested in your letter of the 5th instant.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mmit.

April 7. 1883.

New Orleans.

Sir:

I return herewith Cashion's statements of Balances Nos. 222, a and 224 for the certification of the Superintendent or Book-keeper.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mmit.

April 7. 1883.

New Orleans La.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th instant enclosing High Clerk's statement of balances for month of March No 226.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mmit.

April 7. 1883.

New Orleans.

Sir:

Requisition has this day been made upon the Printer for blank book of Miller & Reimus receipts for Silver

deposits No 27. and as requested in your letter of the 3rd inst. copies will be mailed you as soon as received.

Very respectfully,

Amos C. Burchard,

Quincy. ✓

Supt. Mint.

April 7, 1883

Philadelphia:

Sir;

It appears that there are now in the hands of the Assistant Treasurer at Philadelphia the sum of \$12,765. in mutilated five and three cent nickel coins.

An appropriation of one thousand dollars was made at the last session of Congress for the loss on the redemption of the mutilated and ineffectual minor coins in the Treasury and which may be presented during the current fiscal year. In order to utilize this appropriation it would be necessary that the coins referred to should be redeemed during the current year, and I will thank you to advise me how soon you will be able to receive the same in exchange for a like sum of minor coins, that instructions may be given by the Treasurer for such exchange.

I would also call your attention to the fact that you now have in what is called the Redemption Fund \$3336.65 in mutilated three and five cent coins.

These should also be exchanged and redeemed, and I think it advisable that they be exchanged for their coining value in five cent nickel coins, and a statement of the loss on the redemption forwarded this Office in order that the Treasurer may be reimbursed for the loss.

Very respectfully,

Amos C. Burchard.

Quincy. ✓

Supt. Mint.
San Francisco.

April 7, 1883.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon special assay coins taken from the first deliveries in each week at your Mint during the month of February 1883 and forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations. The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Very respectfully,

Aratis C. Burchard.

Director.

Telegram. Supt. Mint.

April 9, 1883.

Carson City.

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one hundred nine
and eight tenth cents per ounce fine.

Aratis C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Director.

Similar Telegram sent to,

Telegram. Supt. Mint.

San Francisco, Cal.

First Auditor.
Treasury Department.

April 9, 1883.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Refinery, Statistical & Standard Silver Dollar accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco for the month ending February 28, 1883, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

Aratis C. Burchard.

Director

Dana Pickford, Esq.
698 Broadway N.Y.

April 9. 1883.

Sir:

Your letter of the 4th instant addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury relative to striking international coins for the Hawaiian Government has been referred to this office.

In regard to your proposition, that the coins struck for that Government, should have on one side representing the value in our money, as well as of some other countries, I have to state, that the denominations, weight, fineness, designs and inscriptions are specified by the Hawaiian Government and the duty of this office is to execute the coinage conformably to their request and to the law of January 29th 1874.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.
Director.

Supt. Mint
Carson

April 9. 1883.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, a bill of the Stationery division of the Treasury for articles of stationery furnished you in the month of February 1883 amounting to \$37.81 payable from the appropriation for contingent expenses of your Mint for the current fiscal year.

I enclose duplicate bill.

Very respectfully

Horatio C. Burchard.
Director.

Assayer in Charge
Charlotte, N. C.

April 9, 1883.

Sir,

Your letter of the 3rd instant, to the Secretary of the Treasury, requesting 50 blank payrolls of employees has been referred by him to this office. In reply I would say if the payrolls are intended to accompany your monthly Ordinary account they may be dispensed with in future and ordinary receipts covering amounts paid, substituted.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Assayer in Charge
U. S. Mint, Denver.

April 9, 1883.

Sir,

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and examination and settlement, a bill of the stationery division of the Treasury for articles of stationery furnished you in the month of February 1883, amounting to \$49.40 payable from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint for the current fiscal year.

I enclose duplicate bill.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Hjalmar Finckhjem, Esq.
 Helsinki, Finland.

April 9, 1883.

Sir,

Your letter of the 18 ultimo is received. Accept my thanks for your statement of the gold and silver production in Russia. I mail you pamphlet containing laws and regulations governing the Mints and Assay Offices

of the United States. These institutions are under the direction of this office at Washington, each charge of a local officer. Minor coins are issued only from Philadelphia, and gold and silver are coined at that mint and also at San Francisco, Carson City and New Orleans. Reports are forwarded to me daily and at stated periods, and the accounts are received for examination and settlement in the Treasury Department, quarterly.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Assay Office.
New York.

April 9, 1883.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement a bill of the Stationary Division of the Treasury for articles of stationery furnished your office during the month of Feb. 1883 amounting to \$64.89 payable from the appropriation for Contingent expenses of your office for the current fiscal year.

I enclose duplicate bill.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.
New Orleans.

April 9, 1883.

Sir:

Your letter of the 4th instant enclosing a statement of silver purchased during the month of March has been received.

I have also received a letter of the same date enclosing a statement of silver purchased from March 26th to March 31st and would state that it is not necessary

for you to forward a detailed weekly statement of silver purchases, and you will discontinue the same.

You will however forward a statement at the close of business on Wednesday of each week showing the amount of silver purchased at the Department and delivered on such purchases and amount due. A form will be prepared, printed and sent you upon which to make this report, as early as practicable.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

April 9, 1883.

New Orleans

Sir,

In examining your monthly statement of the bullion and coin belonging to the Bullion accounts of the New Orleans Mint on the 31, ultimo, just received, I notice under "gold bullion in possession of Superintendent" gold parted from silver \$39.14. I suppose this is the gold not parted, but contained in silver deposited, still in your hands. It is unnecessary to carry out the values of gold or silver bullion in the hands of the Melters and Refiners and Coiner, but sufficient for my purpose to enter the total values opposite the number of ounces of each respectively, as these offices are only charged with the number of standard ounces and not the values.

I have prepared, and will send you in a few days a form for the Cashier to make out daily and submit to you or your Book-keeper to be then forwarded to me showing the exact condition & the denominations of his cash at the close of business each day. This form will take the place of the "daily statement" (form 85) & of the movement of standard dollars. I also notice that under silver coin you enter gold coin \$25,000; gold coinage account should be charged, and silver

comage credited with this amount, so that these accounts will show the amount of each species of coin actually held and belonging to the bullion accounts.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director. ✓

Supt. Mmt.

April 9, 1883.

New Orleans.

Sir:

Form 83 should not be forwarded in the same enclosure with letter of transmittal forwarding form 51 and ^{monthly} statement of deposits and purchases of gold and silver bullion, as it relates to your accounts and properly accompanies the certificate of deposit and monthly statement of the condition of the bullion accounts.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director. ✓

Supt. Mmt.

April 9, 1883.

New Orleans.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement a bill of the stationery division of the Treasury Department for articles of stationery furnished for you in the month of February 1883 amounting to \$105.29 payable from the appropriation for contingent expenses of your Mmt. for the current fiscal year.

I enclose duplicate bill.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director. ✓

Supt. Mint.

New Orleans.

April 9. 1883.

Sir;

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of April 1883, has been approved for the sum of \$ 12500 - payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1883	<u>\$ 2500</u>
Wages of Workmen	"	<u>7000</u>
Contingent Expenses	"	<u>3000</u>

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

New Orleans.

April 9. 1883.

Sir;

I have received your two letters of the 6th instant, explaining and returning your statement of Earnings and Expenditures for the Quarter ended Dec 31st 1882. In relation to the disagreement between the amounts deposited for assays of ores, and the amounts collected as entered on your quarterly statement I find that the full amount has ^{been} deposited as stated in your letter of explanation.

I would say for your information and guidance that as the amounts collected for assays of ores and old materials sold, do not enter into any accounts, and consequently are not charged to you, the only evidence which this office has of the amounts received from these sources, is contained in the statement which you send and the entry on the quarterly statement of Earnings and Expenditures consequently if the deposits of these earnings in the Treasury do not agree exactly with the amount claimed to be

collected each quarter, it is very difficult to know whether you have covered into the Treasury the full amount.

It is very important that the C.D. of the amounts received from assays of ores, and sales of old material should therefore agree exactly with the amounts entered on your quarterly statement of Earnings and Expenditures.

With reference to the difference of \$21.52 between the amount expended by you for Contingent Expenses during the quarter and the amount entered on your statement as expended which you state to be the exact amount of a bill for advertising in New Orleans Picayune, which you were informed had been paid at this Department, I would state that the bill named was not paid from your appropriation for 1883, but as stated in my letter of Dec 15th last from your appropriation for 1882, but even if it had been paid from the appropriation for the current fiscal year, it should not appear on your Quarterly statement of Earnings and Expenditures, as I have previously informed you this statement is intended to show the expenditures by you from the funds advanced you, and should not include any bills paid at this Department, except on the Annual statement at the close of the year, when the entire amount of bills paid at the Department from your appropriation should be taken up as a separate entry.

I return herewith the two statements, and will thank you to forward a correct one.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quidn.

Supt. Mint.

New Orleans.

April 9, 1883.

Sir:

The coins received at your Mint during the month of March for special assay and forwarded to this office have been received.

ed - viz:

7 Std Silver Dollars.

\$ 7.00

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director

Supt. Mmit.

April 9, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

Cp. D. No 5708 for \$ 438.34 being on account of sales of old material during first quarter 1883 enclosed in your communication of the 9th inst. has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury no personal credit to be given you in your accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "miscellaneous receipt".

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mmit.

April 9, 1883.

Philadelphia

Sir:

Cp. D. No 5709 for \$ 1.91 being on account of old material sold during first quarter 1883 enclosed in your communication of the 6th instant has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury no personal credit to be given you in your accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Assayer in charge.
St. Louis.

April 9, 1883.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of April 1883, has been approved for the sum of \$388.40 payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your institution during the current fiscal year.

Salaries	1883	<u>\$ 288.40</u>
Wages of Workmen	"	
Contingent Expenses.	"	<u>100.00</u>

Very respectfully
 Horatio C. Burchard.
 Director.

Supt. Minit
San Francisco.

April 9, 1883.

Sir:

I enclose herewith for the book-keeper of your Minit proofs of the forms sent by him for two ledgers comprising the Bulletin and Ordinary accounts. It was impossible to get proofs of the rulings. You will please have him return the proofs with any suggestions he may have to make at the earliest practicable moment.

Very respectfully
 Horatio C. Burchard.

Director. ✓

Supt. Minit.
San Francisco.

April 9, 1883.

Sir:

Ref. No 796 for \$27. Being on account of assays of ores during first quarter 1883, enclosed in your communication of the 31st ultimo has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, no personal credit to be given you in your accounts, and

the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a
"miscellaneous receipt".

Very respectfully.

Amatís C. Burchard.

Quinto. ✓

Supt. Mint.

April 9. 1883.

San Francisco.

Sir;

Cep. I. No 796. for \$441.01 being on account of
sales of old material first quarter 1883, enclosed in
your communication of the 31st ultimo, has been
received properly endorsed, and forwarded to the
Secretary of the Treasury, no personal credit to be
given you in your accounts, and the amount to
be covered into the Treasury as a "miscellaneous
receipt".

Very respectfully.

Amatís C. Burchard.

Quinto. ✓

Supt. Mint.

April 9. 1883.

San Francisco.

Sir;

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting
offices of the Department for examination and settle-
ment, your Ordinary Refining, Statistical & U.S. Dollar
accounts for the month ending February 28th. 1883
with my approval.

Very respectfully.

Amatís C. Burchard.

Quinto. |

Supt. Mmt.
San Francisco.

April 9, 1883.

Sir;

Referring to your Ordinary expense accounts for the month of February 1883. I notice that extra pay to the amount of \$28.00 has been allowed to one of the principal clerks of the General Department during that month. It would seem from the reduction in carriage and in the business at your Mmt, that the work especially the clerical part could be done within the regular hours.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burdard.

Quidm. ✓

Supt. Mmt.
San Francisco.

April 9, 1883.

Sir;

I have to acknowledge the receipt of voucher for the pay of J. M. Carrier for the month of February 1883 and to state that the same has been filed with your Ordinary expense account for that month.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burdard.

Quidm. ✓

Assayer in charge.
Boise City.

April 10, 1883.

Sir;

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to increase your bullion fund by a transfer of \$50,000 and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at San Francisco, Cal.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burdard.

Quidm. ✓

Supt. Minit.

April 10. 1883.

Carson

Sir;

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day viz:

250 Silver Bullion Purchase Sheets No. 3. B.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Pouchard.

Director.

Supt. Minit.

April 10. 1883.

Carson.

Sir;

I have prepared and will send you in a few days a form for the Cashier to make out daily and submit to you, or your bookkeeper, to be then forwarded to me, showing the exact condition and the denominations of his cash at the close of business each day.

This form will take the place of the 'Daily Statement Form 85' and of the 'movement of Standard Silver Dollars' and of your weekly statement of the denominations of coin on hand, which it will not be necessary for you to forward after the form referred to is received.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Pouchard.

Director.

Assayer in Charge.

April 10. 1883.

Helena.

Sir;

I have received your letter of the 31st ultimo enclosing a duplicate receipted bill of John W. Eddy for services in collecting and reporting the statistics of the production of gold and silver in Montana for 1882. The bill is not made out for any amount and it is herewith returned that the amount due may be stated in the

body of the bill. From the bill I infer that you had no contract with Mr Eddy to do this work for a specific amount, but that the amount named in your letter \$225. was as stated, intended to compensate him for expenses and services while engaged in the work; if so, Mr Eddy should furnish on the enclosed form, a bill in detail of his expenses, giving the number of days employed and the compensation allowed him, with the necessary affidavit.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

April 10, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon special assay coins taken from the first deliveries in each week at your Mint during the month of February 1883, and forwarded for test as prescribed by the regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

April 10, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

2000 Assayers Silver Ingot memorandums.

1000 Abstract Clerks receipts for Silver bullion deposits to.

143. a.

Very respectfully

Horatio C. Burchard. Director.

Supt. Mint,
Philadelphia.

April 10, 1883.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 9th instant, I have to say, that a supply of the new form of daily balance sheet will be forwarded to you this week, as they will be printed without further delay.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint,
Philadelphia.

April 10, 1883.

Sir,

At the time of my recent visit to your mint, I left some designs for the proposed Hawaiian coinage with your Engraver Mr Barber. Please cause them to be returned as early as practicable, with such suggestions in regard to their modification as you or Mr Barber may have to offer.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint,
San Francisco.

April 10, 1883.

Sir,

The coins received at your mint during the month of March for special assay and forwarded to this office have been received viz,

6 Double Eagles \$ 120.

7 Std Silver Dollars 7.

Total Value \$ 127.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.
San Francisco.

April 10, 1883.

Sir;

Referring to the forms prepared by the bookkeeper of your Mint and forwarded to me on the 19th of last September for keeping the accounts of the Mint, to be printed and bound into a book entitled "Journal Ledger Balance of the General Bullion Accounts," I desire to more fully understand the wishes of your bookkeeper in relation to them, and to offer some suggestions as to changes in the entries to be printed at the head of the columns.

In order not to delay the preparation of the book I telegraphed you on the 2nd ultimo to know whether the forms were to be bound in one book or two, to which you replied in two.

I desire now to know whether the division is to be made as indicated on the Index sheet at form 18. "Daily Balance Gold Bullion" page 318? If so, why was the numbering of the pages of the first book continued in the second, that is, why did not the second book start with page 1, as the first, or, is the numbering of the pages in the second book to commence with 318?

Second; What is to be done with the forms sent, marked not to be printed, composing the accounts with the operational officers? Why were they not included in the books?

It would seem to me that they are of more importance, and have a closer connection with the bullion and coin accounts than the accounts with the appropriations with old material, with the Assistant Treasurer &c.

Third; Two sheets of instructions accompany the forms almost the same in effect but on one is written "No Index page required. place tabs or checks on outer margin of closing page of each account". On the other is written

"Index by full title of account and number of page".

Please explain which is to be followed, and if both, which is intended for each book.

Fourth; I have made some corrections on the proofs in

the wording of the entries. Under the head of "Deposit and Purchase Account" it is suggested that the credit entry "also for the value of the Standard Gold bullion contained in Silver Deposits of the quarter" be omitted, and the preceding entry changed by substituting the word "contained" for the word "parted". In "Gold Bullion Account" it is suggested that the debit entry "parted" be left blank to accommodate gains in gold bullion of any kind, i.e., deposit room grams, surplus bullion &c. &c.

In Silver Profit Fund the debit entry "seigniorage transferred" should read Profit's deposited.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Purchard.

Director. ✓

Supt. Mint.

April 10, 1883.

San Francisco.

Sir:

I have prepared and will send you in a few days a form for the Cashier to make out daily and submit to you, or your Bookkeeper, to be then forwarded to me, showing the exact condition and the denominations of his cash at the close of business each day.

This form will take the place of the "Daily Statement, Form 85" and of the "Movement of Standard Silver Dollars" and of your weekly statement of the denominations of coin on hand, which it will not be necessary for you to forward after the form referred to is received.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Purchard.

Director. ✓

Hon Charles J. Folger.
Secretary of the Treasury.

April 10, 1883

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Boise City, Idaho, be increased fifty thousand dollars by a transfer of that amount, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said Assay Office with the Assistant Treasurer U.S. at San Francisco Cal. by telegraph.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director. ✓

Hon Chas J. Folger.
Secretary of the Treasury.

April 10, 1883.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U.S. Mint at Denver, Colorado to that of the Mint at Philadelphia, Pa. of the sum of One Hundred and sixteen thousand and ninety three $\frac{77}{100}$ Dollars (\$116,093.77) in gold coin, and Ten hundred and one $\frac{51}{100}$ Dollars (\$1,001.51) in silver coin, making a total of One hundred and seventeen thousand and ninety four $\frac{28}{100}$ Dollars (\$117,096.28) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Mint at Denver, for coinage as shown by Memorandum No 577, dated April 5th 1883 of gold bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director. ✓

Hon Charles J. Folger.
Secretary of the Treasury.

April 10, 1883.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith copy of a letter received from the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia enclosing a form of advertisement for proposals for twenty thousand pounds of nickel and requesting authority to publish the same in certain papers.

As a stock of nickel for the minor coinage is required, I respectfully recommend that authority be given the Superintendent to advertise for five successive days for proposals for the same in two Philadelphia papers.

Very respectfully:

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Walter L. Wilson Esq.
Galveston, Texas.

April 10, 1883.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 2nd instant, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury and referred to this office relative to the redemption of the five-cent nickel pieces of 1883, I have to state that minor coins are redeemed by the Treasurer or any Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. as lawful money when presented in sums of \$20. or any multiple thereof.

I enclose herewith a circular containing the regulations governing the same.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Dr. M. L. Bongans.

April 11, 1883.

Meller & Refiner.

U. S. Mint, New Orleans.

Sir;

✓ Your letters of March 10th and 16th to Mr. Preston have been referred to me, and I have written the Superintendent requesting that the evils complained of by you be remedied.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director. ✓

Supt. Mint.

April 11, 1883.

Carson, N.H.

Sir;

✓ Your letter of the 3rd instant enclosing statement of all our purchases at your Mint during the month of March 1883 has been received.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Acting in charge

April 11, 1883.

Denver.

Sir;

✓ I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Bulletin Accounts Abstracts and Vouchers for the quarter ending March 31, 1883.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director. ✓

Thomas Eggleston, Esq.

March 11, 1883.

School of Mines.

Columbia College New York.

Sir;

✓ I have received your letter of the 9th instant relating to having the use of the presses in the Mint for experimental

purposes on metals.

Owing to the heavy amount of coinage at the Mint, I will be obliged to ascertain from the Superintendent whether your request can be acceded to, without interfering with his operations which I will do at an early date.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicksilver.

Hon Robert Lincoln.

April 11. 1888.

Secretary of War.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a copy of the Official Table of Distances prepared by Lieutenant Colonel Charles T. Larned U. S. Army, transmitted in your letter of the 10th instant.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicksilver.

David G. McCan.

April 11th 1888.

of Reno. & McCan.

227 and 229. South Front St.

New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Your letter of the 5th instant. to the Secretary of the Treasury and accompanying papers in regard to the non payment by the Superintendent of the New Orleans Mint, of your accounts for work, and supplies furnished that institution has been referred to this office and in reply would state that early attention will be given to the same.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicksilver.

Supt. Mint

April 11, 1883.

New Orleans.

Sir:

I transmit herewith copies of two letters addressed by Dr. Bozans the Melter and Refiner of your Mint to Mr. Pruett and referred to me. I will thank you to give the matters complained of by the Melter and Refiner your attention.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quinton. ✓

Supt. Mint.

April 11, 1883.

New Orleans.

Sir:

I have to advise you of a shipment to your Mint on the 10th inst of four pair of standard silver dollar dies requested by your despatch of the 6th instant.

These dies were ordered by me immediately upon receipt of your telegram, and as your reply to my despatch of the 6th instant was not received until the 9th the order for these dies was not countermanded.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quinton. ✓

Supt. Mint.

April 11, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

Your letter of the 10th instant enclosing statement of silver purchases at your Mint from the 16th to 31st March 1883 has been received.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quinton. ✓

Hon Charles J. Folger.
Secretary of the Treasury.

April 11. 1883

Sir,

I am advised by the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia that he can now receive for redemption the present mutilated five and three cent nickel coins in the possession of the Assistant Treasurer at Philadelphia.

If it is your desire that these pieces should be re-coined. I have respectfully to request that you will cause the same to be delivered to the Superintendent in exchange for a like amount of minor coins of the present issue.

It is desirable that these coins should be transferred to the Mint before the close of the current fiscal year, in order that the loss on the redemption of the same may be ascertained before the close of the fiscal year, and the Treasurer reimbursed from the appropriation for that purpose.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.
 Director.

Telegram. Anglo Californian Bank,
San Francisco, Cal.

April 12. 1883.

Your offer declined.

R. C. Preston.

Confirmed

Acting Director.

Similar telegram sent to.

Telegram ✓	<u>Bank of California</u>	<u>San Francisco, Cal.</u>
" ✓	<u>J. B. Colgate & Co.</u>	<u>47 Wall St. New York.</u>
" ✓	<u>Nevada Bank</u>	<u>San Francisco, Cal.</u>
" ✓	<u>Samuel Meyer</u>	" " "

G. W. Seligman & Co.

April 12, 1883.

Your offer accepted

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Boston & Colorado Smelting Co.

April 12, 1883.

Denver Colo.

Your offer accepted for New Orleans at one hundred ten and seventy-two hundredths cents per ounce fine.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Ward & Cronie

April 12, 1883.

24 Nassau Street.

New York.

Your offers for New Orleans and Philadelphia accepted.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Supt. Minit.

April 12, 1883.

New Orleans, La.

✓ Receive from Boston & Colorado Smelting Company twenty five thousand ounces at one hundred ten and seventy two hundredths cents per ounce, from Ward & Cronie one hundred and twenty thousand ounces at one hundred ten and seventy four hundredths cents per ounce.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Supt. Minit.

April 12, 1883.

Carson.

Sir,

✓ I have received your letter of the 5th instant enclosing Form No 83, "Charges imposed on Bullion during the month of March" and Certificate of Deposit No 813, for \$1987.07 on account of refining earnings, and No 814, for \$38.15 on account of charges

other than parting and refining, both for the month of March 1883. Before covering these certificates into the Treasury I will thank you to inform me whether any portion of the \$38.16 charges other than parting and refining—consists of the additional charge of one dollar per deposit of one thousand ounces or less, which is imposed on bullion requiring parting or refining, and which on your abstract sheets for the quarter ended December 31st you entered in the column of melting.

Referring to my letter of the 26th ultimo, your attention was directed to the fact that there is no melting charge on bullion requiring parting or refining, but that in addition to the charge of so much per ounce gross, a charge was to be imposed on the deposit of one dollar for each one thousand ounces or less, which is not to be treated as a melting charge, but as a portion of the parting or refining charge, and to be entered in the column with those charges and covered into the Treasury with them to go to the credit of the appropriation for parting and refining bullion.

If any portion of the \$38.16 covered into the Treasury by Certificate of Deposit No 814 consists of moneys collected for the charge additional to the parting and refining charge it should be taken out and covered into the Treasury with Certificate of Deposit No 813 as a refinery earning.

Please inform me promptly on this subject.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge

Helena Mont.

April 12. 1883.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of April 1883. has been approved for the sum of \$2000. payable from the following

appropriations made for the support of your institution during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1883	<u>\$700.</u>
Wages of Workmen	"	<u>800.</u>
Contingent Expenses.	"	<u>500.</u>

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

April 12, 1883.

New Orleans.

Sir;

I have received Certificate of Deposit No 3612 for \$42. on account of assays of ores for the quarter ended March 31, 1883 forwarded in your letter of the 7th instant.

Please forward the usual statement showing the sources from which this money was derived, in order that the amount may be covered into the Treasury.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston

Acting Director.

Supt. Assay Office.

April 12, 1883.

New York.

Sir;

C/S. No 2031 for \$288.83 being on account of Melting, Alloy and bar charges in March 1883 enclosed in your communication of the 10th instant has been received, properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury personal credit to be given you in your bulletin accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston

Acting Director.

Supt. Assay Office.
New York.

April 12, 1883

Sir;

C/P.D. No 2032, for \$8053.46 being on account of parting and refining charges in March 1883, enclosed in your communication of the 10th instant, has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for "Parting & Refining Bullion."

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Quicksilver.

Supt. Mint.

April 12, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

C/P.D. No 5711 for \$5.4 being on account of assays of ore enclosed in your communication of the 10th instant has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury in personal credit to be given you in your accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "Miscellaneous receipt."

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston

Acting Quicksilver.

Supt. Mint.

April 12, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

C/P.D. No 5712 for \$150,000, being on account of minor coinage profits enclosed in your communication of the 11th inst, has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount

to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully.

Acting Director. ✓

Supt. Mint.

April 12, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

C/S. No. 5713 for \$1170. being on account of profits on medals and proof coins enclosed in your communication of the 11th instant has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury personal credit to be given you in your accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "miscellaneous receipt."

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston

Acting Director. ✓

Supt. Mint.

April 12, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I enclose herewith \$250. for which I will thank you to return to this office one quarter eagle of the coinage of 1883.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston

Acting Director. ✓

Supt. Mint.

April 12, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I enclose herewith two letters received from Prof. Thomas Eggleston of the New York School of Mines requesting certain facilities of your Mint. I will thank you to inform me to what extent his request can be granted without interfering with your operations.

Please return the letters with your answer.

Very respectfully R. C. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Supt. Mmit.

April 12, 1883.

Philadelphia

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

1000 Abstract clerk's receipts for Gold Deposits No. 143.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mmit.

April 12, 1883.

Philadelphia

Sir:

I return herewith Medal Fund vouchers in duplicate properly signed as requested in your letter of the 13th instant.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mmit.

April 12, 1883.

Philadelphia

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day at the Department by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mmit, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for, as may be preferred, either in silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in silver dollars, to wit: of.

Hendy & Brown	130,000 ounces at	<u>\$ 1.1074</u>
J. & W. Seligman & Co	26,000 " "	<u>1.1060</u>
" " " "	25,000 " "	<u>1.1065</u>

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mmt.
San Francisco

April 12, 1883.

Sir:

✓ C/P. No 816 for \$ 146.78 being on account of alloy charges during March 1883. enclosed in your communication of the 5th instant has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury personal credit to be given you in your accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "miscellaneous receipt"

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Supt. Mmt.
San Francisco.

April 12, 1883.

Sir:

✓ C/P. No 817 for \$ 10,041.18 being on account of palling, refining and toughening charges, enclosed in your communication of the 5th instant has been received, properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for "Palling and refining bullion."

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mmt.
San Francisco.

April 12, 1883.

Sir:

✓ C/P. No 818 for \$ 123.83 being on account of melting charges in March 1883 enclosed in your communication of the 5th instant has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and

the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a 'Miscellaneous receipt.'

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Hon Chas. J. Folger

April 12, 1883.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir;

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U.S. Assay Office at Charlotte to that of the Mint at Philadelphia, Pa. of the sum of Two thousand and ninety two $\frac{86}{100}$ Dollars (\$2092.86) in gold coin and nineteen $\frac{58}{100}$ Dollars (\$19.58) in silver coin, making a total of Two thousand One hundred and twelve $\frac{44}{100}$ Dollars (\$2112.44) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte N.C. for coinage as shown by Memorandum No 590, dated April 7, 1883 of gold bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint

April 13, 1883.

Carson City.

Sir;

Your letter (Form 225) reporting the result of the examination and count at the close of business on the 31st March 1883 of the monies in the hands of the Cashier has been received.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mmit.

April 13, 1883.

Carson City.

Sir;

I enclose herewith duplicate receipted bill of James B. Gordon for ten (10) bbls of Basswood sawdust, delivered to Major H. B. Hughes 2d U.S. Army for shipment to your Mmit.

You will please transmit Mr Gordon a draft for the amount, \$18.76 care of the Superintendent of the Mmit at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Quicks.

Supt. Mmit.

April 13, 1883.

Carson City.

Sir;

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

250 Gold Coinage Statements

250 Silver " " "

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Quicks.

Supt. Mmit.

April 13, 1883.

Carson City.

Sir;

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 5th instant in which you state that the amount belonging to parting and refining charges erroneously deposited as other than parting and refining charges from the 1st of July 1882 to the 31st of March 1883 amounts to \$110, you are hereby instructed to transfer from the "profit and loss" account of your Bullion accounts to the credit of the "parting and refining" account of the same system of accounts the sum of \$92, being the amount erroneously deposited to the close of February 1883.

in order that the error may be corrected by depositing the \$92 to the credit of the parting and refining appropriation. The entry in your "profit and loss" account will be explicit, stating the reason for the transfer and referring to this letter as your authority, and accompanying it, you will furnish a statement similar to the one contained in your letter of the 5th instant.

The \$18, mentioned in your letter as erroneously deposited by Certificate of Deposit No 814, covering the charges for the month of March, I will have covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for Parting and Refining Bullion, and you will so take it up in your Bullion Accounts.

Very respectfully,
R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Sup't Mmt.

April 13, 1883.

New Orleans.

Sir:

I transmit herewith "letter in form of affidavit" addressed by D. G. McLean with accompanying papers to the Secretary of the Treasury in regard to the account of Pens & McLean for work done, and supplies furnished your Mmt, and referred to this office.

I will thank you to report the facts in this case as early as practicable to this office. In this connection, I will take occasion to say, that no supplies or work should be ordered or purchased by any operations officer except upon written authority of the Superintendent; at the same time, if after investigation you find that the tools which the Miller and Refiner states in his letter were furnished at the request of his Assistant, were absolutely required, and have been used as stated, it would seem nothing more than equity that payment should be made for the same, provided the prices charged are in your judgment reasonable.

But this must not be taken as a precedent as in any manner
sacrificing the action of the Assistant Minter and Refiner in
ordering supplies without the written consent of the Superin-
tendent. I will thank you to return the papers enclosed,
at your early convenience.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint

April 13. 1883.

Philadelphia

Sir:

I transmit herewith authority of the Secretary for you to
advertise for proposals for nickel in the "Evening Bulletin"
and the "North American" papers published in your city.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

April 13. 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

Your letter of the 12th instant enclosing duplicate bill of
James B. Gordon for ten (10) bbls of sawdust forwarded by you
through the Quartermaster U. S. Army in your city, to the U. S.
Mint at Carson City Nevada has been received. I have
this day transmitted the account of Mr Gordon to the Su-
perintendent of the Carson City Mint with instructions to forward
a draft for the amount. \$ 18.76

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint
San Francisco.

April 13, 1883.

Sir,

Your letter of the 6th instant enclosing forms 219 and 220 of Miller and Refiner and Coiner statement of bullion balances receipts and deliveries by them to the Superintendent during the month of March has been received.

Form 219 is returned for your signature.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Quicksilver

George Wilson, Esq.
 Secretary Chamber of Commerce
 New York.

April 13, 1883.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 4th instant requesting to be furnished with the statistics of the production of gold and silver from the organization of the Mint to the 30th of June 1882 I transmit by current mail a copy of the Statistical Abstract on page 27 of which you will find the estimated annual production of the United States from 1857 to 1882. On page 44 of the report of the Quicksilver of the Mint you will find a table showing the gold and silver of domestic production deposited at the Mints and Assay Offices from their organization to the close of the last fiscal year. These two tables comprise all the information at my command.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Quicksilver.

Telegram. Supt. Mint.

April 14, 1883.

Carson City.

✓ Paves border cleaner reported to be an infringement on other patents. Confer with Superintendent San Francisco Mint before putting them in.

R. E. Rierson.

Confirmed.

Acting Quicks. ✓

Supt Mint

April 14, 1883.

Carson City.

Sir:

✓ Referring to the appropriations for wages of workmen and salaries at your institution for the current fiscal year, I informed you on the 9th of January last that the Chief Comptroller of the Treasury had decided that the amounts appropriated for wages, under joint resolution of Congress of June 30, 1882 and subsequent dates for services of persons subsequently appropriated for at salaries should be charged to the appropriation for salaries subsequently made, and that under this ruling the amount appropriated for salaries and wages would be charged to the amounts stated in my letter of that date.

In making the adjustment between these appropriations it has been found that some errors have occurred and that in some cases the amount credited to the appropriation for salaries will not be sufficient to complete the services of the present fiscal year.

You are therefore requested and instructed to make out the payrolls of salaries of officers and clerks at your institution for the months of May and June, as well as the current month, and if the amount of which you were advised in my letter of January 9th will not be sufficient to pay the salaries at your institution you will please inform me, in order that an appropriation warrant may be drawn transferring a sufficient amount to the appropriation ^{for salaries} to cover the shortage.

Please attend to this at least early in May.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Similar letter sent to

Supt Mint

✓ Philadelphia

✓ San Francisco Cal.

✓ Supt Assay Office

New York N.Y. ✓

Supt. Mint.

April 14, 1883.

Carson City.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 5th instant enclosing requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your Mint during the current month I have to inform you that the same has been approved for the sum of \$6,213.34 as follows:

Salaries, 1883	<u>\$ 2,500.</u>
Wages of Workmen, 1883	<u>713.34</u>
Contingent Expenses	<u>2,000.</u>

The amount advanced you from the appropriation for Wages of Workmen \$713.34 is the total amount remaining to the credit of that appropriation. The amount appropriated for the current fiscal year, as you were informed in my letter of January 1st last, was \$54,630 of which you have drawn out on requisitions to date \$53,916.66 leaving in the Treasury \$713.34, which I have requested to be advanced you. This amount with the balance on hand as stated in your letter will make available the sum of \$3,261.33 for the payment of workmen at your Mint during the current month.

In order that you may have sufficient funds to complete the service of the month, I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum \$3,000 from the appropriation for the coinage of the standard silver dollar contained in the

act of February 28, 1878. You will, of course, render separate accounts of disbursements from this fund.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Assayer in charge.

April 14, 1883.

Assay Office Charlotte.

Sir:

I enclose herewith a few blank "Returns of Furniture and Fixtures" for your use.

Referring to your letter of the 31st ultimo to the Secretary of the Treasury, I have to inform you that all furniture, in matter now purchased, must be reported on this blank. The report will be forwarded through this office.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

S. W. Cohen Esq.

April 14, 1883

332 E. 50th St

New York.

Sir:

Your letter of the 12th instant addressed to the U. S. Treasurer, requesting to be informed of the number of five cent pieces of the old issue struck in 1883, has been referred to this office.

The coinage of these pieces amounted to 1,453,000 pieces. They are no longer coined, but they will be issued with the regular proof sets of the coinage of 1883.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Assayer in charge.

April 14, 1883.

Denver.

Sir;

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense account with abstracts and vouchers for the month ending
✓ March 31st 1883.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge.

April 14, 1883.

Denver.

Sir;

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your statement of Earnings and Expenditures for the Quarter ended
✓ March 31st. 1883.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Assayer in charge.

April 14, 1883.

Denver.

Sir;

✓ Ref. No 939 for \$30 being on account of Assays of ores enclosed in your communication of the 10th instant has been received, properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, no personal credit to be given you in your accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "miscellaneous receipt".

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Frank Summ Co.

April 14, 1883.

454, Penn Ave

Ctly.

Sir,

✓ The following Reports of the Director of the Mint have been mailed to this day, as requested in your letter of the 12th inst. viz;
Report on the Production of gold and silver for the years 1880 and 1881. The report for the year 1882 is under preparation.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint,

April 14, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir,

✓ I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Medal Fund Accounts, Abstracts and Vouchers for the Quarter ending March 31, 1883.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint,

April 14, 1883.

New Orleans

Sir,

✓ Your letter of the 11th inst enclosing Cashier's statement (form 222. a.) of coin balances receipts and payments therefrom by the Cashier and form 224 of balances receipts and payments by the Cashier from appropriations during the month of March has been received.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston

Acting Director.

Supt. Mmt.

April 14, 1883.

New Orleans.

Sir;

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary expense account with Abstracts and vouchers for the month ending March 31st 1883.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mmt.

April 14, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

I transmit herewith for your information an additional table of distances to enable you to make payment for shipments of standard silver dollars to certain towns.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mmt.

April 14, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

450 Statements of receipts, payments and balances in hands of the Cashier No 231.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

April 14, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

✓ Enclosed please find the sum of \$5. for which I will thank you to furnish me with a similar amount of nickel five cent pieces of this years coinage of the old (shield) design, if you can do so conveniently.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Supt. Mint.

April 14, 1883.

San Francisco.

Sir;

✓ In reply to your letter of the 6th instant in regard to the construction of a new vault, at your Mint, I would state, I am informed by the Supervising Architect of the Treasury that the shell of the vault was inspected during its construction by the Inspector of the Department and that the same will be erected under your supervision as custodian of the Mint building.

Very Respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Supt. Mint.

April 14, 1883.

San Francisco.

Sir;

✓ I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Refining Statistical and Standard Silver Dollar Accounts with Abstracts and Vouchers for the month ending March 31, 1883.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Assayer in Charge.
St. Louis Mo.

April 14, 1883.

Sir:

I have the acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary expense Account with Abstracts and Vouchers for the month ending March 31st 1883

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

April 16, 1883.

Carson City

Sir:

Your letter of the 9th inst enclosing Cashiers statement of coin balances receipts and payments therefrom during the month of March has been received

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

April 16, 1883.

Carson.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$1000. to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Packing and refining Bullion"

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Assayer in charge
Charlotte.

April 16, 1883.

Sir:

I have requested that your Bullion Fund be increased fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) by a transfer of that amount, and that of this sum ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer at New York, and that the balance (\$5,000) be transmitted you in notes of the denomination of ten and twenty dollars.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office.
New York City.

April 16, 1883.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

1 Journal Ordinary Accounts.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.
New Orleans.

April 16, 1883.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion fund of your Mint be increased by a transfer of One Million Silver dollars, and that the same be placed to your credit with Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.
Philadelphia.

April 16, 1883.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the quarter eagle, addressed in your communication of the 13th instant.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Hon Chas. J. Folger.
 Secretary of the Treasury.

April 16, 1883.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans be increased in the sum of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) by a transfer of that amount in Standard Silver Dollars and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of the said Mint with the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Hon Charles J. Folger.
 Secretary of the Treasury.

April 16, 1883.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte, North Carolina, be increased fifteen thousand (\$15,000) by a transfer of that amount, and that of this sum ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said Assay Office with the Assistant Treasurer at New York, and that the balance be transmitted him in notes of the denominations of ten and twenty dollars.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston. Acting Director.

Hon Charles J. Folger.
Secretary of the Treasury

April 16, 1883.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith copy of the testimony of Samuel D. Keith given before the Commission appointed by the Secretary of the Treasury in 1877 to investigate charges against O. H. La Grange Superintendent of the Mint of the United States at San Francisco, California, and to request that the same may be certified as a true copy of the original and file in the Department, for the use of the Secret Service Division.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Rosengarten & Son,
 Philadelphia

April 16, 1883.

Gents:

I will thank you to inform me the lowest price per pound at which you will deliver to the Quartermaster U. S. Army in your city for shipment to the U. S. Mint at Denver Col. the following supplies viz:

Ten (10) cartons C. P. Nitric Acid.

One (1) " " Sulfuric "

One (1) " " Hydric Chloric "

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting.

Mrs. A. Taylor, Esq.
 Philadelphia.

April 16, 1883.

Sir:

I will thank you to state the lowest price at which you will furnish and deliver to the Quartermaster U. S. Army in your City, the following supplies, securely packed for shipment to the U. S. Mint at Denver Col.

150 Black Lead jackets as per enclosed diagram.
 150 " " covers " " " "
 300 " " stirers " " " "
 One dozen No 30 Black lead pots.

Very respectfully.
 R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Assayer in charge

April 17, 1883.

Poué City

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinar
 expenses account with abstracts and vouchers for the
 month ending March 31st 1883.

Very respectfully.
 R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Assayer in charge

April 17, 1883.

Poué City

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of
 your institution during the month of April 1883 has
 been approved for the sum of \$600. payable from the
 following appropriations made for the support of your
 institution during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries.	1883.	<u>\$247.20</u>
Wages of Workmen.	}	"
Contingent Expenses.	}	<u>352.80</u>

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Wm Beuttenmüller, Esq.

April 17, 1883.

No 3 River View bet 58 & 59 Street
New York.

Sir;

The following Report of the Director of the Mint has been mailed to you this day, as requested in your letter of the 13th inst, viz;

✓ Annual Report for the year ended June 30, 1882.

The Reports for the years 1870, 1871, and 1872 were not published by this Office and the supply of the reports for 1874 is exhausted.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

James J. Brooks

April 17, 1883.

Chief Secret Service Division.

Treasury Department.

Sir;

✓ In compliance with your request, I transmit herewith certified copy of the testimony of Samuel J. Keith given before the Commission appointed by the Secretary of the Treasury in 1877 to investigate the charges against A. N. Lagrange Superintendent U. S. Mint at San. Francisco, Cal.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Telegram.

Supt. Mint.

April 17, 1883.

Denver.

✓ The charge of One Dollar per deposit of one thousand ounces or less should go in column of Mint charges on your abstract sheets and to credit of collection account.

Abstract sheets for last quarter will be returned. See that those from April first are made correctly. Letter by mail.

R. C. Preston. Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge.
Denver.

April 17. 1883

Sir,

Referring to the abstract sheets belonging to your Bullion Accounts for the quarter ended March 31. 1883. I find that you have entered the charge of one dollar per deposit of one thousand ounces or less, which is additional to the parting and refining charge, in the column embracing your own charges for melting, assaying and stamping instead of in the column for parting, refining and alloy, where it properly belongs. It will be necessary to make out the abstract sheets anew in order to correct this error, and also your Bullion Accounts for the reason that the charge referred to has been carried to the credit of "profit and loss" instead of to the credit of "collection account," where it properly belongs.

I cannot imagine why you have deviated from your former practice in this respect, but in order that you may be free from any doubt on the subject, I would say for your information that the only charge which is to be entered in the column headed "melting, assaying and stamping" is your own charge of one-eighth of one per cent (or any amount additional which may be charged for extra melts made at your institution,) and that the charges for parting and refining and alloy as well as the charge of one dollar per deposit of a thousand ounces or less on bullion requiring parting or refining are to be entered in the column headed, "lengthening, refining, parting and alloy." The charges entered in the column first named, will go to the credit of "profit and loss," and you will deposit them quarterly in the Treasury as your own earnings; the charges entered in the column last mentioned will go to the credit of "collection account" and after paying from it the charges deducted at the Mint, the balance will be carried at the end of the fiscal year to the

credit of 'profit and loss' as an earning on bullion shipped the Mint for coinage, and be deposited in the Treasury by you. As soon as the examination of your abstract sheets is completed, I will return them with your accounts for correction, and you will please see that the abstract sheets from the first of this month are in accordance with these instructions.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Thomas Eggleston, Esq.

April 17, 1883.

School of Mines.

Columbia College.

New York.

Sir:

Referring to letter of this Bureau of the 11th instant, and in further reply to your communications of the 9th instant, I transmit herewith a copy of a letter received from the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, to whom your letters were referred.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge.

April 17, 1883.

Helena.

Sir:

Cof D. No 107 for \$ 236. Being on account of assays of ores, quarter ended Mch 31, 1883 enclosed in your communication of the 9th instant has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, no personal credit to be given you in your accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "miscellaneous receipt."

Very respectfully. R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Frank J. Howe.

April 17, 1883.

Alma Park Co. Col.

Sir;

The following Report of the Director of the Mint has been mailed to you this day, as requested in your letter of the 10th inst viz:

Report on production of gold and silver in the U. S for the year 1881. The report for the year 1882 is under preparation.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

O. Murray. Esq.

April 17, 1883.

Secy. University of the State of New York.

Albany.

Sir;

The following Reports of the Director of the Mint have been mailed to you this day, as requested in your letter of the 16th inst. viz:

Report on production of gold and silver for the years 1880 and 1881.

Very respectfully

R. C. Preston

Acting Director.

Capt. Mint.

April 17, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

Enclosed please find \$2.50. for which you will please return to this office if practicable. One half dollar of the coinage for each of the following years, 1879, '80, '81, '82 & '83.

Very respectfully

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

April 17, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

✓ 1000 Bullion statement sheets No 105. B.

✓ 1000 Assayers reports on M & R's silver bars.

Very respectfully,

Acting Director. ✓

Supt. Mint.

April 17, 1883

Philadelphia.

Sir;

✓ Cf. D. No 5714 for \$ 897.27 being on account of parting and refining charges enclosed in your communication of the 16th instant has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for "Parting Refining bullion".

Very respectfully

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Supt. Mint.

April 17, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

✓ Cf. D. No 5715 for \$ 144.59 being on account of charges other than parting and refining charges enclosed in your communication of the 16th instant has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "Miscellaneous receipt".

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston

Acting Director. ✓

Supt. Mint.

April 17, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your bulletin accounts Abstract and vouchers for the Quarter ending December 31, 1882.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

April 17, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 16th inst. stating that you had transferred for recoinage from the mint coinage redemption fund the uncirculated three and five cent nickel pieces amounting to \$3330.65 the net value of which you find to be in five cent pieces \$2648.97 involving a loss of \$683.68.

From the foregoing it would appear that you have calculated the loss upon the three cent pieces upon the basis as to what they will produce in five cent pieces when it should be upon the basis as to what they will produce in pieces of the same denomination.

The fact that they are to be converted into five cent pieces by simply adding the proper amount of nickel and copper to make the requisite weight of such pieces, does not make it necessary to regard the difference between their face value and what they will produce in five cent pieces as a loss.

You will therefore simply compute the loss on the basis, as to what they will produce in three cent pieces.

You should accompany your letter with statement showing the face value and the coin value of

these pieces in like denominations.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

April 17, 1883.

San Francisco.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 16th instant, in relation to the immediate necessity for the purchase of "Register of Official Correspondence" for the use of your Mint, authority is hereby granted you to make the necessary purchase, as the book could not be furnished in time by the public printer.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Hon Chas. J. Folger

April 17, 1883.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge your reference to this Bureau, for report thereon, of a letter from the Secretary of State covering a communication from the Hawaiian Minister in relation to the United States Mint coinage silver for the Hawaiian Government.

The Act of January 29th 1874 provided in substance, that it shall be lawful for the mints to execute coinage for foreign governments under such regulations as the Secretary of the Treasury may prescribe.

Mr Claus Spueckler of San Francisco, has made application as an agent of the Hawaiian Government, to have silver coinage executed at the U. S. Mint at San Francisco according to standards and devices prescribed by that Government, and under the provisions of the above law, and he has been informed

that it will be necessary for this Bureau to be furnished with official evidence that he is the agent of the Hawaiian Government duly authorized to have the coinage executed.

This coinage can be made at the Mint at San Francisco without interfering with the required coinage of the United States, and I respectfully recommend that authority be given to comply with the request of the Hawaiian Government.

Very respectfully,
R. C. Preston

Acting Director.

Wm. Wiley Esq.
Colorado Springs,
Colo.

April 17, 1883.

Sir:

The following Reports of the Director of the Mint have been mailed to you this day, as requested in your letter of the 3rd instant, viz:

Report of the production of gold and silver in U.S. for the years 1880 and 1881.

Very respectfully,
R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Messrs Zimmerman and Loshay.
19 Wall Street

April 17, 1883.

New York.

Gentlemen

In reply to your letter of the 16th instant I would state that the subject of executing coinage for the Hawaiian Government is under consideration, and if it should be decided, as it probably will, to execute the coinage, it will be done at the San Francisco Mint, the Bullion for that purpose being furnished,

by the Hawaiian Government

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Telegram.

Supt. Minit.

April 18, 1883.

Carson.

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one hundred mini and one half cents per ounce fine.

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed.

Acting Director.

Similar telegram sent to.

Telegram.

Supt. Minit.

✓ San Francisco. Cal.

Telegram.

Supt. Minit.

April 18, 1883.

New Orleans.

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one hundred and ten cents per ounce fine.

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed.

Acting Director.

Trust Auditor

April 18, 1883.

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the bullion accounts of the Assayer in charge of the U.S. Assay Office at Boise City, Idaho, for the Quarter ending Dec. 31, 1882, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge.
Bowie City.

April 18. 1883

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting
 officers of the Department for examination and settlement
 your bullion accounts for the quarter ended Dec 31. 1882

Referring to the deficiency in your "Transportation account"
 of \$1.27 occasioned by your paying the Express Company
 that much more for shipping your bullion than you
 collected of depositors to cover the expense of transportation,
 you are hereby directed to pay the same from your
 own charges of the present quarter by transferring the
 amount to the debit of your "Profit and Loss" account,
 closing out that transportation account.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director

Supt. Mint.

April 18. 1883.

Carson.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 11th instant in which
 you state that the reason for not imposing a refining
 charge on certain silver purchases made at your mint
 during the quarter ended December 31. 1882 was because
 the base was copper only, you are hereby instructed to
 have your Assayer mark on his reports in all cases
 where the base is copper only the letter "C" indicating the alloy.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Col. S. B. Holabird.

April 18, 1883.

Deputy Quartermaster Genl
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have requested Messrs Roengardin & Sons to deliver to you for shipment to the U. S. Mint at Denver Colorado ten (10) Carboys nitric acid one (1) Carboy sulphuric acid, ^{and one (1) Carboy Hydrated Chloric acid}, which I will thank you to receive and forward, in compliance with general order No 66, dated July 24, 1876.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

April 18, 1883.

New Orleans.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 13th instant enclosing a communication from the Melter and Refiner of your Mint, and a copy of your reply to him, requesting to be allowed four additional workmen to assist in the operations of his Department incidental to the gathering and working up of the grains and scraps for the annual settlement in June, I would say that there is no objection on the part of this Office to employing, temporarily, the number of persons named for that duty; but it would seem as if there are at present a sufficient number of workmen in your Mint to do this in addition to the regular work, and I would suggest that, if the Melter and Refiner approve, four workmen be temporarily transferred from your own Department to his for that purpose.

But if he does not concur in this view, I will be pleased to approve the appointments of such names as may be submitted by you.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Mr. Wm. D. Morgan
1219 Callowhill St.
Philadelphia.

April 18. 1888.

Gentlemen:

I have to request that you will supply this office with tracing of the following parts of the large Ajax Press, sent to Carson City Mint in 1877, i.e. brass lever upper block and wedge with rolls or pins and yokes which hold them in place.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.
Philadelphia.

April 18. 1888.

Sir,

Requisition has this day been made upon the Printer for Blank Index book and 1000 Memorandums of Gold Bullion Deposited, and, as requested in your letter of the 16th inst, copies will be mailed you as soon as received.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.
Philadelphia.

April 18. 1888.

Sir,

The following Blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

1000 Assayers reports on fine gold bars Mint Form #70.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

April 18, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir,

I will thank you to forward to this office, Mint Memorandum showing the net-out turn of \$25000 in gold coin forwarded to you by the Treasurer of the United States for redemption in transfer order. No 11.200.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Supt. Mint.

April 18, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir,

Until further notice the purchasing rate of silver bullion in lots of less than ten thousand ounces will be one hundred and ten cents per ounce fine.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Supt. Mint.

April 18, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir,

I am advised by the Treasurer of the United States that it is desirable you should coin ten thousand dollars in denims as early as practicable, to meet the demand upon the Treasury for such coins.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Rosengarten House.
Philadelphia.
 Gentlemen.

April 18, 1883.

Your offer to furnish for the use of the U.S. Mint at Denver Colorado ten cartons Nitric Acid C. P. at 17¢ per pound, one carton sulphuric acid C. P. 15¢ per pound, each carton \$1.50, is accepted.

I will thank you to deliver the same to Col. J. B. Holabird Deputy Quartermaster General in your city, properly marked for shipment to the U.S. Mint at Denver Colorado, taking the Quartermaster receipt and transmitting the same to this office with your account receipted in duplicate.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.
San Francisco.
 Sir;

April 18, 1883.

Your letter of the 7th inst reporting that you had discontinued the use ^{of the} "Purvis self operating boiler cleaner" and notified the agents thereof to remove the same, and refund the amount paid them in error therefor for the reason that the "Hotchkiss Boiler Cleaning Co" had notified you that the same was a direct infringement of the method covered by the Hotchkiss patents is received. Your action is approved.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Telegram. Anglo Californian Bank. San Francisco. April 19. 1883.

Your offer declined.

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed.

Acting Director.

Similar telegram sent to,

Telegram. Bank of California. San Francisco Cal.

" Daniel Meyer.

" " "

Telegram. Nevada Bank.

April 19. 1883.

San Francisco

Your offer accepted.

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed.

Acting Director.

Telegram. Boston & Colorado Smelting Co.

April 19. 1883.

Denver Col.

Your offer accepted for Philadelphia at one hundred ten and one half cents per ounce fine.

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed.

Acting Director.

Telegram. Supt. Minit.

April 19. 1883.

Carson City.

Bryson's offer accepted.

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed.

Acting Director.

Telegram. Nandy & Cronise.

April 19. 1883.

24 Nassau Street.

New York.

Offers accepted for Philadelphia and New Orleans.

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed.

Acting Director.

Telegram.

Supt. Mint.

April 19. 1883.

New Orleans.

✓ Receive from Nandy & Cronie one hundred and fifty thousand ounces at one hundred ten and forty nine hundredths cents per ounce fine.

R. C. Preston.

Confirmed.

Acting Director.

Telegram.

Supt. Mint.

April 19. 1883.

San Francisco.

✓ Receive from Nevada Bank fifty-four thousand ounces at one hundred and nine and seven eighths cents per ounce fine.

R. C. Preston.

Confirmed. Acting Director.

Telegram.

J. W. Seligman & Co.

April 19. 1883.

New York.

Your offers accepted.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Col. S. B. Holabird.

April 19. 1883.

✓ Deputy Quartermaster General U.S.A.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have this day requested John A. Taylor of Philadelphia to deliver to you properly packed for shipment to the U.S. Mint at Denver, Colorado.

150 Black Lead Jackets.

150 " " Covers.

300 " " Stirrers, and

One dozen Black Lead Crucibles.

I will thank you to receive and forward the same as provided by General Order No 66, dated July 24. 1876.

Very respectfully R. C. Preston. Acting Director.

Geo. B. Lasater, Esq.
Gleason, Tenn.

April 19, 1883.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 17th instant requesting a list of the most valuable United States coins.

I send you by current mail a copy of the Director's report for 1880 in which you will find in detail the coinage of each year. The Mint does not buy nor sell rare or scarce coins, and I am unable to inform you which pieces command premiums. This information you can obtain from dealers in coins and numismatists. I refer you to Mearns, Scott and Company, 146 Fulton Street New York, or S. K. Warzfeldt 1713 Park Avenue, Philadelphia.

Very respectfully
R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

John McBee, Esq.
Corning, N. Y.

April 19, 1883.

Sir:

The following report of the Director of the Mint has been mailed to you this day, as requested in your letter of the 12th inst. viz:

Report on production of gold and silver in the U. S. for the year 1881.

Very respectfully,
R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.
Philadelphia.

April 19, 1883.

Sir:

Purchases of silver Bullion have been made this day at the Department by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive

and pay for, as may be preferred, either in silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in silver dollars, to wit, of—

<u>J & W. Seligman & Co</u>	25,000 ounces, at	\$ 1.10 45
" " " "	25,000 " "	1.10 50
<u>Boston & Colorado Smelting Co</u>	50,000 " "	1.10 50
<u>Nandy & Cronin</u>	50,000 " "	1.10 49

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

Philadelphia.

April 19, 1883.

Sir,

I have received your letter of yesterday enclosing designs for the proposed Hawaiian Coinage.

Before transmitting these designs to the agent of that Government for his decision, I have to request that you will furnish me with estimates of the cost of preparing hubs for the dies as follows:

First, the same design for the obverse of the four dies, and the reverses to be as you suggest, different for the dollar, half dollar, and the two smaller pieces. Second, the same obverse and for the reverses the one design of the wreath, and inscriptions for all the denominations.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

John A. Taylor.

Cor 19th and Callmhill St.

Philadelphia.

April 19, 1883.

Sir,

Your offer of the 16th instant to make and deliver to the Quartermaster U. S. Army in your city, without any

charge for packages or cartage, the following supplies for the U.S. Mint at Denver, Colorado, is accepted, namely:

150 Black Lead Jackets as per diagram, at 72 cents each.

160 " " Covers " " " " 50 " "

300 " " Stirrers " " " " 50 " "

1 dozen Black Lead Crucibles " " " " \$1.05

I will thank you to manufacture and deliver these for shipment as early as practicable, transmitting your account receipted in duplicate to this office.

I have this day requested Col. S. B. Holabird, Quartermaster, U.S. Army, in your city, to receive and forward the same.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Treasury Auditor.

April 20, 1883.

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary, Refinery, Standard Silver Dollar & Statistical accounts of the Superintendent of the U.S. Mint at San Francisco for the month ending March 31st 1883, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law. Attention is invited to note on the abstract of disbursements of the Ordinary account.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

April 20, 1883.

Carson City

Sir:

The coins received at your Mint during the month of March for special assay and forwarded to this office, have been received, viz:

1 Double Eagle.	\$ 20.00
3 St. Silver Dollars.	3.00
Total value	\$ 23.00

Very respectfully,
R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Assayer in charge.

Charlotte, N. C.

April 20. 1883.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Bullion Accounts with Abstracts and Vouchers for the quarter ending March 31. 1883.

Very respectfully,
R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

Philadelphia.

April 20. 1883.

Sir:

On the 2nd of April, there was shipped to you on Transfer Order, \$2180.19 in minor coins by the Treasurer of the United States.

As the Committee engaged in counting the funds of the Treasurer have about completed their labors, they desire to know whether the amount stated as forwarded by the Treasurer was found to be correct upon count by you.

Very respectfully,
R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

Philadelphia.

April 20. 1883.

Sir:

I return herewith for correction Certificate of Gold Deposit No. 1779 for the signature of the Superintendent.

Gold Mint Receipt No. 1606 for endorsement of Broz & Co. the signature of which firm is vitally cancelled by the name of Jacob Hagley written over it. The latter endorser must also be required to sign the receipt properly.

Power of Attorney must be furnished by Snyder, Davis, Bassett & Co. showing the authority of Simon R. Snyder to sign for the firm on Silver Mint Receipt No 636.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

April 20, 1883.

San Francisco.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper Accounting Officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary, Refinery, Standard Silver Dollar, and Statistical expense accounts for the month of March 1883, with my approval except Vouchers #333 and 336, and petty vouchers #51, 52 & 78, pertaining to your Ordinary Account.

The last item of the bill of voucher 333, is erroneously calculated 144 Doz Tape @ 22¢ per doz amounting to \$31.68 not \$32.40 as entered.

An error of 14¢ also appears in the charge on telegram sent on the 28th of February last - 37 words @ 7¢ per word, being \$2.59 instead of \$2.73 as charged.

Bill of Whittier, Fuller & Co. No 51 petty voucher for 5 galls of Castor Oil is charged 50¢ in excess of the contract rate of \$1.00 per gallon. Voucher #78 bill of Holbrook & Co for zinc, is also erroneously calculated, the quantity being $10\frac{3}{4}$ square feet, not $13\frac{3}{4}$ an error of 45¢ against your Fund.

I have requested that the aggregate of these errors, after deducting the 30¢ for which you are entitled to credit on petty voucher 52, amounting to \$1.49 be disallowed by the Accounting Officers.

Referring to voucher #358 of same account bill of

M. Price for 2 silver stars amounting to \$12.00 I will thank you to explain the expenditure by stating the use to which the article purchased is to be applied, and in this connection I deem to state that the verification of accounts would be greatly facilitated if explanations were submitted with vouchers not plain upon their face, or wherein other than contract rates have been charged.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Hon Chas J. Folger.

April 20, 1883.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir,

I transmit herewith Mint Memorandum showing the net proceeds of \$35,000 in gold coin received from the Treasurer of the United States, and deposited by the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint for pecuniage, from which it appears that the net proceeds was \$34,748.³²/₁₀₀ showing a loss in pecuniage of \$251.68 and for which sum the Treasurer of the United States should be reimbursed.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

J. W. Ballam Esq.

April 21, 1883.

Oakland, Cal.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 7th inst. calling attention to the claim of J. W. Ballam to employment and appointment in the Mint at San Francisco, I have to inform you that all appointments in that institution are made by the Superintendent, and to whom you should make your application.

Very respectfully R. C. Preston. Acting Director.

Mrs. S. S. Furbank.

April 21, 1883.

6 John Street

Worcester, Mass.

Your letter of the 17th instant, to the Secretary of the Treasury, has been referred to this office; and in reply I would state that the only way in which you can procure the complete set of two-cent pieces would be through some coin collection.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

S. C. Lauce, Esq.

April 21, 1883.

919 S. Street.

Washington, D. C.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 20th inst. I have to state that the fine used in the Mints of the United States is purchased by the Superintendent's chief.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office.

April 21, 1883.

New York City.

Sir,

Requisition has this day been made upon the Printer for Blank, Weigh Clarke Books of Gold & Silver Deposits & 4, Registers of Deposits of Gold and Silver Bullion, and, as requested in your letter of the 19th inst. the same will be mailed you as soon as received.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

Philadelphia.

April 21, 1883.

Sir;

I will thank you to purchase and cause to be delivered to the Quartermaster U. S. Army in your city for shipment to the U. S. Mint at Denver Colorado, the following supplies, viz:

✓ 600 Sand Pots 7 inches high and 5 inches diameter on top.
 4 dozen Batturea Pots size I. 4 dozen Batturea Pots size N.
 250 pair Tri Mitts. 1 box Assays lead 12 dozen Mattruses
 6 doz Annealing Cups and transmit accounts for same
 receipted in duplicate with Quartermaster's receipt to
 this office.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

Philadelphia.

April 21, 1883.

Sir;

✓ Requisition has this day been made upon the Printer for Blank Registers of Deposits of Gold and Silver Deposits and Silver Purchases and as requested in your letter of the 20th inst. the same will be mailed you as soon as received.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge.

St. Louis, Mo.April 21st, 1883.

Sir;

✓ I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Bullion accounts with Abstracts and Vouchers for the Quarter ending March 31st, 1883.

Very respectfully R. C. Preston Acting Director.

Hon Chas. J. Folger.
Secretary of the Treasury.

April 21, 1888.

Sir,

In compliance with instructions contained in your letter of the 20th instant, ^{I have the honor to submit the following statement} showing the amounts of bonds given by the Superintendents and Operative Officers of the various Mints and Assay Offices of the United States.

Mint at Philadelphia.

<u>Superintendent</u>	<u>bond.</u>	<u>\$100,000</u>
<u>Assayer</u>	"	<u>10,000</u>
<u>Melter & Refiner</u>	"	<u>10,000</u>
<u>Coiner</u>	"	<u>10,000</u>

Engraver not bonded.

Mint at San Francisco.

<u>Superintendent</u>	<u>bond</u>	<u>\$100,000</u>
<u>Assayer</u>	"	<u>10,000</u>
<u>Melter & Refiner</u>	"	<u>10,000</u>
<u>Coiner</u>	"	<u>20,000</u>

Mint at Carson

<u>Superintendent</u>	<u>bond</u>	<u>\$100,000</u>
<u>Assayer</u>	"	<u>10,000</u>
<u>Melter & Refiner</u>	"	<u>10,000</u>
<u>Coiner</u>	"	<u>10,000</u>

Mint at New Orleans.

<u>Superintendent</u>	<u>bond</u>	<u>\$50,000</u>
<u>Assayer</u>	"	<u>10,000</u>
<u>Melter and Refiner</u>	"	<u>10,000</u>
<u>Coiner</u>	"	<u>10,000</u>

Mint at Denver

<u>Assayer in Charge</u>	<u>bond</u>	<u>\$20,000</u>
<u>Melter.</u>	"	<u>10,000</u>

Assay Office New York

<u>Superintendent</u>	<u>bond</u>	<u>\$50,000</u>
<u>Assayer</u>	"	<u>10,000</u>
<u>Melter and Refiner</u>	"	<u>10,000</u>

<u>Assay Office Helena Mont.</u>		
<u>Assayer in Charge.</u>	bond.	\$ 50,000
<u>Melter.</u>	"	50,000
<u>Assay Office Charlotte N.C.</u>		
<u>Assayer and Melter</u>	bond	\$ 10,000
<u>Assay Office at Boise Idaho</u>		
<u>Assayer and Melter</u>	bond	\$ 10,000
<u>Assay Office St. Louis</u>		
<u>Assayer in Charge.</u>	bond	20,000
<u>Melter.</u>		Vacancy

Very respectfully,
R. C. Preston,

Acting Director.

Hon Chas J. Folger.

April 21, 1883.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S Assay Office at Charlotte N. C. to that of the Mint at Philadelphia, Pa. of the sum of Three thousand, eight hundred and seventy eight ⁹⁸/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$ 3878.98) in gold coin, and twenty three ⁵³/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$ 23.53) in silver coin, making a total of Three thousand Nine hundred and two ⁵³/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$ 3902.53 being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in Charge of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte for coinage as shown by Memorandum No 626, dated April 14, 1883. of Gold Bullion deposited at said mint.

Very respectfully,
R. C. Preston,

Acting Director.

Rosengarten & Sons.
Philadelphia, Pa.
 Gents.

April 21. 1883.

You will please ship 1 cask of Hydra Chloric Acid C.P., which I omitted to name in my letter of the 18th instant. I will also thank you to inform me at what price you will furnish 10 bottles of Ammonia 1 barrel of calcined borax, 250 lbs Nitrate potash (crystallized) and 100 lbs Anhydrous carbonate of Soda.

Very respectfully,
 R. C. Preston.

Acting Quind.

Telegram. Chief Clerk.

April 23. 1883.

U. S. Assay Office.

New York.

No business can be done until after the appointment and qualification of a new Superintendent.

R. C. Preston.

Confirmed

Acting Quind.

J. W. Chorman Esq.

April 23. 1883.

Lin' Cup.

Gunnison Co. Col.

Sir:

The following Reports of the Quind of the Mint have been mailed to this day, as requested in your letter of the 17th inst. viz:

Mining Report for the years 1880 and 1881.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston

Acting Quind.

E. Hillebrand, Esq.

Franklin Institute

15 S. Second St.

Philadelphia, Pa.

April 23, 1883.

✓ Sir:

The following Reports of the Director of the Mint have been mailed to you this day, as requested in your letter of the 21st inst, viz:

Mining Report for the years 1880 & 1881.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Messrs Wadsworth & Cronin.

New York City

April 23, 1883.

✓ Gentl:

In compliance with your request of the 21st instant the time in which to deliver silver sold by you on the 12th inst has been extended three (3) days.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Assay OfficeNew York.

April 23, 1883.

✓ Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

500 Special assay blanks.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Minit.

April 23, 1883.

New Orleans.

Sir:

I return herewith a table of distances from New Orleans to certain towns corrected and culled as requested in your letter of the 17th instant.

Very respectfully,
R. C. Preston.

Acting Quindor.

Supt. Minit.

April 23, 1883.

New Orleans.

Sir:

I enclose herewith voucher No 145 pertaining to your ordinary account for March 83, bill of A. W. Moffett for lumber, which is returned because the dimensions given are so indefinite as to render it impossible to verify the quantities charged for.

I desire also to call your attention to voucher #151 of same account, bill of D. C. McBan & Son. Under date of January 31st appears this item "8 pair cast-iron couplings, turned and finished with bolts fitted and keyed to shafting 14.00". You will observe that the amount extended \$42.00 would be correct if only three pair of couplings had been made at \$14.00 each. Please explain the discrepancy.

Your attention is also called to voucher No 158. Bill for coal purchased from A. Lambert charged at 4.00 per ton. ^{instead of the contract rate of 3.10 per ton.}

I will thank you to inform me, why the purchase was not made from B. J. Wood & Bro. at the contract price. Attention is also invited to an error of \$132 which occurs on the Crinus pay roll of the same account.

Miss A. Stander is credited with $1\frac{1}{8}$ days overtime which at \$1.75 per day would entitle her to \$1.97 instead of \$3.29 as carried out. Should the error in this case be in the time credited, that is $1\frac{1}{8}$ days ^{instead of $1\frac{1}{8}$} , I can cause the correction to be made, otherwise, I shall request the amount to be disallowed.

as an overpayment. Your account will be held, pending a reply to this letter.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint

April 23. 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

✓ Messrs Wadley & Brown request that the time for the delivery of silver sold by them on the 12th inst. be extended three (3) days. For satisfactory reasons the extension is granted.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

✓ Fred Saunders, Esq.

April 23. 1883.

Librarian Astor Library,

New York.

Sir:

The following Reports of the Director of the Mint have been mailed to you this day, as requested in your letter of the 20th instant, viz:

Annual Reports for 1880, '81, and '82.

The reports for 1871 and '72 were not published by this office and the supply of reports for 1874 is exhausted.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

✓ Hon Henry M. Teller.

April 23. 1883.

Secretary of the Interior, Washington D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to respectfully request to be furnished with a copy of each of the latest ^{and geographical} geological

maps of Colorado, and the Black Hills, of Dakota Territory.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director

Treasury Auditor.

April 24th 1883.

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary and Refinery accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Assay Office at New York for the month ending March 31st 1883, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

April 24. 1883.

Carson.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

500 Daily Statements of Receipts, Payments and Balances in hands of the Cashier, Form No 231. A.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Mess. Eimer & Amend.

April 24. 1883.

205 3rd Ave. N. Y.

Gentlemen.

Please forward for the Laboratory in connection with this Bureau the following supplies and transmit receipted bills in duplicate.

1/2 Dozen R. B. Casseroles #4

C. N. 2085.

1/2 " Evaporating Dishes #4

" " 2311

1 each 2 - 8 - and 16 ounce graduates of glass, graduated all round, divided in grains on one side and ounces on the other C. N. 2608

The following Re-agent bottles C. N. 1955 a

Hydrochloric Chloride " 8 ounce with cap

Potassic Iodide " 6 " " "

Ether " " " " "

Ammoniac Sulphocyanide " " " " "

Sordic Carbonate " " " " "

Acid Nitrous " " " " "

Shortic Nitrate " " " " "

Magnesium Mixture " " " " "

1/2 Dozen extra caps for 6 " bottles

1/2 " " " " 8 " "

1/2 " each 8-12-16 ounce Salt's mouth C. N. 1946

1/2 " " jars pint, quart, and 2 qts, " " 2693

6 " Test tubes 6 x 5/8 in " " 3214

2 Bunsen Burners - tube must be, not less than 1/2 inch in diameter.

1 Apparatus for detection of Arsenic, F. C. No 1579.

1 each 2 and 3 ounce Silver crucibles C. N. 2245

3 Dozen C - { Battersa crucibles with covers C. N. 2233

3 " 8 - { " " " " "

12 " 9 - { " " " " "

1/2 Dozen Brushless Test tubes C. N. 1995

1 each Ladles 2 - 2 1/2 and 3 in. " " 2708

1/2 lb Tin. pure

100 lbs Soda Ash "Reg"

1/2 Dozen Lock labels 2701

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

April 24, 1883.

New Orleans.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:
 500 Daily Statements of Receipts, Payments and Balances in hands of the Cashier. Form 231, a.

Very respectfully,
 R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Similar letter sent to.Supt. MintJ San Francisco, Cal.

To the Chief Clerk.

April 24, 1883.

U. S. Assay Office.

New York City.

Sir:

I have your communication of the 23rd instant conveying the sad intelligence of the death of Dr Pierre C. Van Wyck, Superintendent of the New York Assay Office. I deeply regret the demise of so estimable a gentleman, and valuable public official.

Very respectfully,
 R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

To the Chief Clerk.

April 24, 1883.

U. S. Assay Office.

New York City.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, the Ordinary and Refinery expense accounts of Pierre C. Van Wyck, late Superintendent of the ^{U. S.} Assay Office, New York, for the month of March 1883 with my approval.

Very respectfully R. C. Preston Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

Philadelphia.

April 24, 1883.

Sir:

Your letter of the 23^d instant requesting me to furnish you with the assay of the samples of gold from the New Orleans coin selected from delivery number one January 14th 1882 is received.

The following is copied from the Assayer's record book.

1 st Slip - 900.3	} Proof	} Reported
2 nd " - 900.4		
	900.4	899.9 fine.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

Philadelphia.

April 24, 1883.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of April 1883, has been approved for the sum of \$10,000, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Wages of Workmen 1883. \$10,000 Additional

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

Philadelphia.

April 24, 1883.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 23rd instant stating that in accordance with public advertisement, proposals for supplying your Mint with twenty thousand pounds, more or less, of commercially pure nickel were invited and the bid of Joseph Wharton at one dollar and three cents per pound, being the only bid received, was accepted;

the acceptance of the same is hereby approved.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Hon Chas. J. Folger.

April 24, 1883.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir;

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the ^{U.S.} Assay Office at Charlotte N. C. to that of the Mint at Philadelphia. Part of the sum of Two Thousand Four hundred and forty $\frac{62}{100}$ Dollars (\$2440.62) in gold coin, and Fifteen $\frac{77}{100}$ Dollars (\$15.77) in silver coin, making a total of Two Thousand Four hundred and Fifty six $\frac{39}{100}$ Dollars (\$2456.39) being the net value of bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assay Office in charge of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte, for coinage as shown by Memorandum No 659, dated April 19, 1883 of Gold bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Telegram

Thos. C. Acton.

April 25, 1883

Asst. U. S. Treasurer.

New York.

Please state by wire balance to credit of Superintendent New York Assay Office.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Telegram

Andrew Mason.

April 25, 1883.

U. S. Assay Office.

New York.

Your commission is dated April 24th, please execute and forward Bond to-day if possible.

R. E. Preston. Acting Director.

Bullock & Crenshaw.
Philadelphia, Pa.

April 25. 1883.

Gents,

I will thank you to inform me the lowest price at which you will deliver securely packed, to the Quartermaster U. S. Army in your City, for shipment to the U. S. Mint at Denver, Colorado, the following chemicals: 10 bottles concentrated Aqua Ammonia, 1 barrel Calcinied Borax, 250 pounds Nitrate potash (crystallized) and 100 pounds Anhydrous Carb. Soda.

Very respectfully,
 R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Similar letter sent to

Powers & Hightman

Philadelphia, Pa.

Treasury Auditor

April 25. 1883

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary expense accounts of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise and St Louis for the month ending March 31st 1883 rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
 R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Treasury Auditor

April 25. 1883.

Treasury Department

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary Expense account of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Mint at Denver Col for the month ending March 31. St 1883. rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully R. C. Preston Acting Director.

The Blake Crusher Company.
New Haven, Conn.

April 26, 1883.

Gentlemen.

Please forward by Express to this office, two sets corrugated plates for the Laboratory Crusher purchased from you in November 1881, also two bolts for fastening the springing or back plate.

Present your bill of expense in duplicate.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge.

Boric City.

April 26, 1883.

Sir;

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your ordinary account for the month ending March 31st 1883, with my approval. In future I will thank you in paying salaries to state the month during which services were rendered for which payment is made.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint

Carson City.

April 26, 1883.

Sir;

In compliance with your request of the 11th inst. I transmit herewith tracings of the coming fees decided by you.

I also enclose for your information copy of letter from Mr Orr transmitting tracings

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge.

Revenue Col.

April 25, 1883.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting of
 fees of the Department for examination and settlement,
 your Ordinary expense account for the month ending
 March 31. st. 1883, with my approval.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Frederick Eckfeldt, Esq.

April 25, 1883.

Comptroller of Bullion.

Office of the Director of the Mint.

Sir:

Mr. Andrew Macon having been appointed by the President
 Superintendent of the New York Assay Office in place of Pierre
C. Van Wyck deceased, it is desirable that the official
 transfer be made as early as practicable.

You are hereby authorized and directed to proceed
 to New York to supervise and witness the count and
 delivery of the moneys and bullion belonging to the
 Government in the Assay Office to Mr. Macon, and
 will remain until the transfer has been effected.

Your necessary traveling and other expenses in the
 discharge of this duty will be paid upon your render-
 ing an account with proper vouchers for the same.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint. Philadelphia.

April 25, 1883.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been
 mailed you this day. viz: 1,000 Assayer's Silver Deposit
 Memorandums

Very respectfully R. C. Preston Acting Director.

Hon. Charles J. Folger,
Secretary of the Treasury.

April 25, 1883.

Sir:

The appointment of Andrew Mason to be Superintendent of the U.S. Assay Office at New York creates a vacancy in the office of Melter and Refiner of that institution which it is very desirable should be filled without delay. Mr Benjamin S. Martin, at present the Assistant Melter and Refiner, is fully competent for the position, having had a practical experience of upwards of twenty-five years in the Mint service, and I would respectfully recommend that he be appointed Melter and Refiner in place of Mr Mason, ^{appointed} Superintendent.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Assayer in charge.

St. Louis, Mo.

April 25, 1883.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your ordinary account for the month ending March 31st 1883. with my approval.

Very respectfully.

Acting Director.

R. C. Stone Esq.

42 Broad St.

New York.

April 25, 1883.

Sir:

I have received your note of the 24th instant relative to the Director's report on the statistics of the production of the precious metals for 1882.

The report has not yet been published: it is for the calendar year 1882, and most of the material was received in February. The preparation of this report has been vigorously

procured since that time, and I hope that copies will be ready for distribution early in the coming summer. I shall take pleasure in transmitting you one of the first received from the printer.

Very respectfully,
R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

A. T. Timpeon Esq.

April 25, 1888.

Orange, N. Y.

Sir:

Your letter of the 23rd instant, to the Postmaster General, relative to a silver dollar of 1804, has been referred to this office.

Silver dollars of the coinage of 1804 are of extreme rarity, and command a high premium from numismatists, and dealers in coins. The only one in the possession of the Government is in the cabinet of the Mint at Philadelphia. I do not know of any for sale, but understand that they are valued at from \$1,000 to \$15,000 apiece.

Very respectfully,
R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Telegram

Anglo Californian Bank.

April 26, 1888.

San Francisco.

Your offer declined.

R. C. Preston.

Confirmed.

Acting Director.

Telegram.

Boston & Colorado Smelting Company

April 26, 1888.

Denver Colo.

Your offer accepted for Philadelphia at one hundred ten and thirty five hundredths cents per ounce fine.

Confirmed. R. C. Preston Acting Director.

Telegram. Supt. Mint. April 26. 1883.

Carson.

Byron's offer accepted.

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed.

Acting Director.

Telegram. Frederick Eckfeldt. April 26. 1883.

Care U. S. Assay Office.

New York.

Bond approved; deliver commission.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Telegram. Nancy & Gronie. April 26. 1883.

24 Nassau Street.

New York.

Your offer of one hundred and fifty thousand ounces accepted for New Orleans and fifty thousand for Philadelphia.

Exchange four eighty six.

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed.

Acting Director.

Telegram. J. B. Hagen. April 26. 1883.

San Francisco.

Your offer accepted.

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed.

Acting Director.

Telegram. Supt. U. S. Assay Office. April 26. 1883.

New York.

Money will be advanced you immediately to pay ordinary and Refining expenses for the current month.

R. E. Preston

Confirmed.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

April 26, 1883.

New Orleans.

✓ Receive from Nandy and Cronis one hundred and fifty thousand ounces at one hundred ten and thirty five hundredths cents per ounce fine.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Supt. Mint.

April 26, 1883

San Francisco.

✓ Receive from J. B. Waggin thirty thousand ounces at one hundred nine and eight tenth cents per ounce fine.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

J. W. Seligman & Co.

April 26, 1883.

New York.

✓ Your offers accepted.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Calvin J. Cowles, Esq.

April 26, 1883.

Assayer in charge.

✓ Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I return herewith for correction Certificate of Gold Deposit No. 64 pertaining to your Bullion Accounts for the first quarter of the current calendar year.

The name of the depositor has been omitted in the Mint receipt. Please correct and return at earliest convenience.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Lays
Nathaniel Hayes, Esq.
 East Sullivan, N.H.

April 26, 1883.

Sir:

I return herewith Treasury draft enclosed in your letter of the 16th inst. with the information that a new draft can be issued, but that you must comply with the requirements of the circular in regard to the endorsement of Treasury drafts enclosed herewith.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.
Philadelphia.

April 26, 1883.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 25th inst. requesting return of the bid of Jos. Wharton for nickel, I have to say, that the bid was not enclosed in your letter of the 23rd but your action in accepting the proposal of Mr. Wharton was based entirely upon your letter as attested by the operations officers of the Mint.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.
Philadelphia.

April 26, 1883.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for, as may be preferred, either in silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in silver dollars to wit of—

Boston & Colorado Smelting Company 50,000 ounces at \$1.1035

<u>J. D. W. Seligman & Co</u>	25,000 ounces at	\$ 1.1030
" " "	25,000 " "	1.1035
<u>Handy & Cronin</u>	50,000	1.1035

Very respectfully,
R. C. Preston.

Acting Director

Assayer in Charge,
St. Louis, Mo.

April 26, 1883.

Sir:

Referring to your Bullion Accounts of the First Quarter of the current calendar year I desire to call your attention to the following erroneous calculations which appear on the Abstract sheets accompanying them, to wit:

✓ Deposit of J. J. Malon Receipt No. 106 for 28.87 gross ounces of gold bullion at 565 fine the standard weight should be 18.124 and not 18.029.

The Deposit of J. Lane, receipt No. 107 for 5.84 gross ounces of gold bullion at 312 fine should be 20.24 standard ounces instead of 2.003 as entered.

The silver standard weight of receipt No. 146 gold deposit is also wrongly calculated, the quantity of silver contained in the deposit being .82 and not .76.

I will thank you to cause greater care to be exercised in future in the calculation of deposits to prevent a recurrence of errors of this kind.

In putting up your accounts to forward to this office please keep the assay reports separate from the certificate of deposit. The receipt only should be enclosed in the letter.

I will thank you if you will also have separate receipt and assay numbers for your Certificates of gold and silver deposits so that the numbers on the abstract sheets may run consecutively. This will prevent confusion and render the examination of your accounts easier.

Very respectfully, R. C. Preston, Acting Director.

Trial Auditor.

April 27. 1883.

Treasury Department.

Sir,

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Ordinary and Refining expense accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Carson Nev., for the month ending March 31st. 1883 rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

April 27. 1883.

Carson Nev.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary and Refining expense accounts with Abstracts and Vouchers for the month ending March 31st. 1883.

Very respectfully,
R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

April 27. 1883.

Carson. Nev.

Sir,

I have examined and referred the proper accounting of-
fices of the Department for examination and settlement your
Ordinary and Refining expense accounts for the month
ending March 31st. 1883. with my approval.

Very respectfully,
R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Miss S. M. Landon.
Milton Vermont.

April 27. 1883.

If you desire the amount of your salary for the current month remitted you, it will be necessary for you to sign and return the enclosed receipt, when a draft on either Boston or New York will be sent you as you may indicate.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office.
New York.

April 27. 1883.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to issue his warrant on the Treasurer, in your favor for the sum of \$12,800 for the payment of expenses of your office during the month of April, payable from the following appropriation, to wit:

For Salaries	1883	<u>\$ 3,200.00</u>
" Wages of Workman	"	<u>1,800.00</u>
" Contingent Expenses	"	<u>800.00</u>
" Parting & Refining Bullion	"	<u>7,000.00</u>

Very respectfully

R. C. Preston

Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office.
New York.

April 27. 1883.

Sir:

I will thank you to inform me whether ^{there} are any checks issued by the late Superintendent against the money to his credit with the Assistant Treasurer for the payment of ordinary and parting and refining expenses unpaid.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston

Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office.
New York City.

April 27. 1883.

Sir;

I have to inform you that your official bond was yesterday approved by the Secretary of the Treasury and has been referred to the District Comptroller for file in his office.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Quicksilver. ✓

Hon Charles J. Folger.
Secretary of the Treasury.

April 27. 1883.

Sir;

I have the honor to enclose herewith memorandum showing the gross value, net value and loss on ten thousand dollars in subsidiary silver coin received at the Philadelphia Mint from the Assistant Treasurer at Boston for pecuniage, from which it appears that the net value was nine thousand six hundred and seventy-four dollars and sixty-five cents (\$9,674.65) showing a loss of three hundred and twenty-five dollars and thirty-five cents (\$326.35) for which sum the Treasurer of the United States should be reimbursed.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Quicksilver. ✓

W. S. Allen. Esq.
259 West 45th St.
New York.

April 28. 1883.

Sir;

In reply to your letter of the 17th instant, I have to state that you can obtain proof-coin of the United States, of all denominations upon application to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, in accordance with the enclosed circular.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston. Acting Quicksilver. ✓

Messrs. Ballock and Crenshaw.

April 28. 1883.

528 Arch St.

Philadelphia.

Gentlemen;

Your offer to furnish One barrel of Calcined Borax, at 30 cents per pound, 250 pounds of Filiate of Potash, Crystallized at 9 3/4 per " and 100 " " Anhydrous Carbonate of Soda at 12 cents " " is accepted, and I will thank you to properly mark and deliver the same to Col. S. B. Wolabad, Quartermaster U. S. A. in your city, for shipment to the U. S. Mmt at Denver, Colorado, transmitting your account, receipted in duplicate, accompanied by the Quartermaster's receipt to this Office.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mmt.

April 28. 1883.

Carson.

Sir;

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

100 Superintendents monthly statements of balances No. 232.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Similar letter sent to

Supt. Mmt.

✓ New Orleans. La

" "

✓ Philadelphia. Pa

" "

✓ San Francisco. Cal.

Assayer in charge

April 28. 1883.

Helena. Mon.

Sir;

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Account with Abstracts and Vouchers for the month

ending February 28th 1883.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Col. S. B. Hurlburt.

April 28, 1883.

Deputy Quartermaster General U.S.A.
Philadelphia.

Sir,

I have this day requested Messrs. Bullock and Gresham, of Philadelphia to properly mark and deliver to you for shipment to the U.S. Mint at Denver Colorado:

One barrel of Calcined Borax,

250 pounds of Nitrate of Potash, Crystallized, and

100 " " Anhydrous Carbonate of Soda, and the

Messrs. Roeding & Sons of the same city, for shipment to the same institution, ten bottles of Concentrated Aqua Ammonia, which I will thank you to receive and forward, as provided by General Order No 66 dated July 24, 1876

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office.
New York.

April 28, 1883.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 27th instant in reference to the balance belonging to the Ordinary and Parting and Refining Expense Account to the credit of the late Superintendent on his demise with the Assistant Treasurer at New York, I have to say so soon as a reply is received to my letter addressed you yesterday as to whether there are any outstanding checks against this sum the Secretary of the Treasury will be requested to cause the amount to be deposited in the Treasury as a repayment to the credit of the appropriation from whence it was drawn, after which it will become

subject to your requisitions. This is the only way, as the
 large impatriately requires that the amount should be
 re-deposited.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Messrs. Ponors and Heightman.

April 28. 1883.

838 N. 9th St.

Philadelphia.

Gentlemen:

Your offer to supply chemicals for the use
 of the U. S. Mint at Denver Colorado is respectfully
 declined.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Messrs. Roungarten & Sons.

April 28. 1883.

1700 Fitzwater St.

Philadelphia

Gentlemen:

Your offer to furnish ten bottles of Concentrated Aqua
 Ammonia at ten and a half cents per pound is accepted, and
 I will thank you to properly pack and deliver the same to
 Col. S. B. Kolabud, Quartermaster U. S. A. in your city, for
 shipment to the U. S. Mint at Denver, Colorado, transmitt-
 ing your account, receipt in duplicate, accompanied
 by the Quartermaster's receipt to this office.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Messrs. Rosengarten and Sons,
1700 Fitzmaur St.
Philadelphia.

April 28. 1883.

Gentlemen:

Referring to my letter of current date accepting your offer for Concentrated Aqua Ammonia, I would respectfully state that your offer for the other chemicals named Borax, &c., is respectfully declined.

Very respectfully
 R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Telegram. Supt. Minit.

April 30. 1883.

Philadelphia.

Cannot accept surplus silver delivered by Seligman at one ten thirty-four.

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed.

Acting Director.

First Auditor.

April 30 1883.

Treasury Department

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary expense account of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena for the month ending February 28th 1883. rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully
 R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Minit

April 30. 1883.

New Orleans.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 24th instant enclosing two letters from the Melton

and Refiner in relation to the appointment of additional workmen and one in relation to the appointment of an acting Assayer. The latter matter calls for no action on the part of this Office.

In relation to the appointment of the workmen decided by the Miller and Refiner I am surprised to find from his letter now forwarded that he desires a permanent addition to his force of workmen. His letter of the 12th instant in which the matter was first submitted, stated that their services were needed in preparing for the annual settlement, and the time was mentioned in his letter a space of five or six weeks, to enable him to work up his grain and sweeps and to complete the putting up of a crusher and pulverizer and two machines for grinding sweeps. It now seems that he desires four additional workmen to be permanently employed in his department, and from your letter on the subject, I am not fully satisfied that such an increase of force is necessary. Supposing from his letter that he needed these workmen for a brief period I suggested that the force in your department was sufficient to enable you to allow him to use some of your workmen, or, if he preferred, that I would be willing to approve the temporary employment of four additional workmen for his department, but I am not prepared to increase the expenses of your Mint by adding so largely to the force of the Milling Department unless you think it essential for the proper conduct of the business. I will thank you to investigate the subject, and to inform me whether in your judgment a permanent increase of force is necessary in that department, and if so, whether the force in one of the other departments cannot be correspondingly reduced.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Quind.

Assayer in charge.
Hellena.

April 30, 1883.

Sir;

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting of-
fices of the Department for examination and settlement your
Ordinary account for the month ending February 28th 1883
with my approval.

Very respectfully,
R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Minit.

April 30, 1883.

Carson.

Sir;

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed
you this day:

100 Statements showing silver purchases made at the
Treasury Department M. 233.

Very respectfully,
R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Similar letter sent to.

Supt. Minit

New Orleans, La.

Philadelphia Pa

✓ San Francisco Cal.

Supt. Minit.

April 30, 1883.

New Orleans.

Sir;

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Bullion Accounts
with abstracts and vouchers for the quarter ending March 31, 1883

Very respectfully,
R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office.
New York.

April 30, 1883.

Sir;

In reply to your letter of the 27th instant stating that the Bullion property in the Melted and Refining Department to be operated upon is nearly exhausted and that the Refining operations must cease in a few days, I would say that the appointment of a Melted and Refiner will probably be made to-day or to-morrow.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director

Supt. U. S. Assay Office.
New York City.

April 30 1883.

Sir;

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the Bullion Accounts with Abstracts and vouchers of Frederic C. Van Dyke late Superintendent U. S. Assay Office New York for the quarter ending March 31, 1883.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Nathan Lotter & Co.
 36. N. Front St.
 Philadelphia Pa.

April 30. 1883.

Gentlemen.

Your bill of the 4th instant for 45,000 lbs. Baltimore Copper, purchased for the use of the Mint at San Francisco, amounting to \$ 7301.25 has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement. In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston, Acting Director.

Supt. Mmt.

April 30. 1883.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir,

I transmit herewith for payment from your appropriation for Contingent Expenses for the current fiscal year an account of the "The Evening Bulletin" for advertising proposals for nickel, amounting to \$11.25, as approved by the Secretary of the Treasury.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mmt.

April 30. 1883.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir,

I enclose herewith draft for \$6.83, for which I will thank you to send by registered mail to this office the following proof coins, viz:

2 Silver & Nickel proof set coinage 1883. \$6.083 Five cent nickel pieces of each design of 1883. .75

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston

Acting Director.

Supt. Mmt.

April 30 1883.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir,

Referring to your letter of the 19th instant, in reply to mine of the 17th in relation to the loss of \$683.68 on the recoining of one hundred three and five cent nickel pieces, I have to state that what was intended to be conveyed by my letter was that you should simply construe the cost of the metal which it was necessary to add to the three cent one hundred minor coins in order to make a like amount in five cent pieces as the loss. I have consulted the Secretary of the Treasury, and he is of the opinion that the fact of Congress appropriating only one thousand dollars for loss on

the recoupage of uncurrent minor coins indicates that it was the intention to construe the loss as being the cost of the additional metal which it would be required to add to make coins of the proper weight.

I find that the cost of the nickel and copper which it would be necessary to add to the weight of the three cent coins to make a like amount of five cent coins would be a little over fifty dollars, which should be properly regarded as the loss on the recoupage of the three cent pieces; in other words the loss should simply be reckoned at the cost of the metal it would be necessary to add to convert them into coins of equal full value.

Very respectfully.
R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

April 30 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

I transmit you by express to day a package containing a piece of gold bullion, the proceeds of which I will thank you to return to this Office as early as practicable.

You will please pay the express charges on the bullion, and also on the return of the proceeds to this Office transmitting a memorandum of the same.

Very respectfully.
R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

April 30. 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

Referring to my telegram of current date, in reply to yours to yours in regard to the surplus silver shipped you by Seligman & Company over and above the amount

told them last week I have to state that if they so wish, you can divide it ^{and purchase it at the price paid for lots} into two lots of less than ten thousand acres at your limit.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Minit.

April 30, 1883.

Philadelphia

Sir:

Enclosed herewith find draft on Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at Philadelphia for fifty dollars, for which I will thank you to return to this office fifty (50) one dollar gold pieces of the coinage of 1883, if practicable.

These coins are desired by an officer of the Department.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Minit.

April 30 1883.

San Francisco.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, payable from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Minit for the current fiscal year, a bill of Nathan Trotter and Company, of Philadelphia, for forty five thousand pounds of Baltimore copper shipped you on the 4th inst, amounting to \$7,301.25.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Telegram.

Supt. Mint.

May 1st 1883.

Philadelphia.

The bulletin sent you yesterday was in the form of a jeweler's King, and the package bore the seal of the Office on it.

R. E. Preeton.

Confirmed.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

May 1. 1883.

Carson.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 24th ultimo, in which you state that the appropriation for salaries for the current fiscal year will be insufficient by the sum of \$4,56 to pay the salaries at your Mint for the year, you are hereby instructed to deposit to the credit of the appropriation for Wages of Workmen the sum of \$4,56, as the total amount appropriated for wages has been advanced you.

I will then have the sum named transferred to the credit of the appropriation for salaries, so as to be available for that purpose for the current year.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preeton.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

May 1. 1883.

Carson.

Sir:

Re/O. No 813 for \$ 1987.07 being on account of refining charges in March 1883 enclosed in your communication of the 4th ultimo has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury personal credit to be given you in your bulletin accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for "Refining bullion".

Very respectfully

R. E. Preeton. Acting Director.

Supt. Mint,
Carson.

May 1. 1883.

Sir:

C/S. No 814 for \$38.15 being on account of charge collected in March 1883 enclosed in your communication of the 4th ultimo has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be credited into the Treasury \$18. to the credit of the appropriation for "Parting and refining bullion" and \$20.15 as a "miscellaneous receipt".

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

Carson.

May 1. 1883.

Sir:

You are hereby instructed to forward credited statement of Earnings and Expenditures for the first three quarters of the present fiscal year showing the correct amount collected as Parting and Refining Charges, and the correct amount collected as other than Parting and Refining Charges.

The statements of Earnings Expenditures furnished heretofore will be changed by entering on them as Parting and Refining Charges the amount collected in each quarter as "per deposit charge" on bullion requiring parting or refining, and which should have been classed with the Parting and Refining Charges and not with the Miscellaneous Charges.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Assayer in charge.
Charlotte.

May 1. 1883.

Sir;

Cep. I. No 502 for \$72.25 Being on account of Assays of ores enclosed in your communication of the 26th ultimo has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury no personal credit to be given you in your accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "miscellaneous receipt."

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

May 1. 1883.

New Orleans.

Sir;

Cep. I. No 352 for \$42. Being on account of assays of ores enclosed in your communication of the 7th ultimo has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury no personal credit to be given you in your accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "miscellaneous receipt"

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

May 1. 1883.

New Orleans.

Sir;

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your quarterly statement of Earnings and Expenditures for the quarter ended March 31. 1883; also your statement of assays of ores made during the same quarter.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office.
New York.

May 1. 1883.

Sir:

I have received your two communications of the 30th ultimo enclosing Certificate of Deposit No 2069 for \$276.20 balance of Contingent funds, and No. 2058 for \$1207.90 balance of Parting and Refining funds in the hands of the late Superintendent, Dr. Peter C. Van Wyck, at the time of his death.

Before covering these amounts into the Treasury to the credit of the proper appropriations, I will thank you to inform me whether there were any funds belonging to the credit of the appropriations for Salaries and Wages of Workmen in his hands at the time of his decease, and if so, why those amounts were not covered in by you at the same time. From the report of Balances in the Assistant-Treasurer's Office at New York, it appears that there was to the credit of Ordinary funds the sum of \$16,753.64 of which you have deposited \$1484.10.

I will hold these Certificates of Deposit until the certificates covering the unexpended amounts belonging to appropriations for Salaries and Wages of Workmen are received.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint

Philadelphia.

May 1. 1883.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, payable from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint for the current fiscal year, a bill of the Stationery Division of the Treasury Department amounting to \$18.71 for one dozen Press Copying Presses, ^{and twenty four letter copying books.} furnished you in the month of March. 1883.

Very respectfully R. C. Preston, Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge.
St. Louis.

May 1. 1883.

Sir;

Referring to your letter of the 19th ultimo, enclosing
 Certificates of Deposit, I will thank you to forward a
 statement showing the assays of ores made to accompany
 Certificate of Deposit No 5203.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Quicksilver. ✓

Assayer in Charge.
St. Louis.

May 1. 1883.

Sir;

Ct. J. No 5202 for \$ 76. Being on account of Assays
 of ores enclosed in your communication of the 19th ultimo
 has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to
 the Secretary of the Treasury on personal credit to be given
 you in your accounts, and the amount to be covered
 into the Treasury as a "Miscellaneous receipt".

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Quicksilver. ✓

Assayer in Charge.
St. Louis.

May 1. 1883.

Sir;

Ct. J. No 5204 for \$ 14.48 Being on account of charges
 for Melting, assaying and stamping enclosed in your com-
 munication of the 19th ultimo has been received, properly
 endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury
 personal credit to be given you in your full item accounts,
 and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "miscella-
 neous receipt".

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston. Acting Quicksilver.

Assayer in Charge
St. Louis.

May 1. 1883.

Sir:

Cf. D. No 5205 for \$ 19.02 being on account deposit from grants, enclosed in your communication of the 19th ultimo has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury personal credit to be given you in your bureau accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "miscellaneous receipt".

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge.
St. Louis.

May 1. 1883.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your quarterly statement of Earnings and Expenditures for the quarter ended March 31. 1883.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

H. S. Thompson, Esq.
703. 15th St.

May 1. 1883.

City.

Sir:

Your bill of the 31st of March 1883 for chemicals purchased for the use of the Laboratory connected with this office amounting to \$ 6.85 has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston. Acting Director.

A. R. Williams Esq.
 713 7th St N. W.
 City.

May 1. 1883.

Sir:

Your bill of the 10th ultimo for one load of Coke purchased for the use of the Laboratory in connection with this office amounting to \$6.50 has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Quictor.

Telegram.

Gen. H. Morgan.
 1219 Gallonhill St.

May 2. 1883.

Philadelphia Pa.

Return by express the two bolts sent you with the rolls for fastening them to the stand.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Quictor.

Telegram.

Supt. Mint.

May 2. 1883.

New Orleans La.

Com' eight hundred and fifty thousand silver dollars in May.

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed.

Acting Quictor.

Telegram.

Supt. Mint.

May 2. 1883.

San Francisco.

Com' four hundred thousand silver dollars in May.

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed.

Acting Quictor.

Trust Auditor

May 2. 1883.

Treasury Department

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary expense account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans, La., for the month ending March 31st 1883, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Trust Auditor

May 2. 1883.

Treasury Department.

Sir;

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Pulliam accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco for the Quarter ending December 31. 1882 rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Assayer in charge.

May 2. 1883.

Boise.

Sir;

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Pulliam accounts abstracts and vouchers for the Quarter ending March 31. 1883

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

W. G. Baker, Esq.

May 2. 1883.

Librarian, School of Mines.
New York.

Sir;

The following Reports of the Director of the Mint have been mailed to you this day as requested in your letter of the

1st inst. viz:

Annual Reports for the years 1878, '79, '80, '81 ^{and} '82.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston,

Acting Quicksilver.

Supt Mint.

Carson City.

May 2, 1883.

Sir:

The number of standard silver dollars to be coined by your Mint during the month of May is hereby fixed at One hundred thousand pieces.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston,

Acting Quicksilver.

Assayer in charge

Charlotte, N.C.

May 2, 1883.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your quarterly statement of Earnings and Expenditures for the quarter ended March 31, 1883, also your Ordinary Expense Account and vouchers for the month of March 1883.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston,

Acting Quicksilver.

Assayer in Charge,

Denver, Colo.

May 2, 1883.

Sir:

I transmit herewith receipted in duplicate the account of Messrs Rosengarten & Sons, Philadelphia for C.P. Nitric, Sulphuric and Muratic Acid amounting to \$291.⁵²/₁₀₀ delivered to Major W. B. Hughes Quartermaster U. S. Army for shipment to your Mint.

You will please transmit Messrs Rosengarten and Sons.

draft on Philadelphia or New York for the amount.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston,

Acting Director.

John Gordon Jr. & Co.

May 2, 1883.

To Edward Johnson & Co

Rio Janeiro

Brazil.

Sir;

The following Reports of the Director of the Mint have been mailed to you this day, as requested by Dr. Beckwith, viz,
 Mining Reports for the years 1880 and 1881.
 Annual " " fiscal. 1882

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Assayer in charge.

May 2, 1883.

Wilena.

Sir;

Please forward your Bullion Accounts for the quarter ended March 31, 1883, without further delay.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

S. W. Landon. Esq.

May 2, 1883.

Van Ness House.

Burlington. Vermont.

Sir;

Enclosed herewith find draft on the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at Boston for \$98.90 which I transmit to you at the request of Miss S. W. Landon.

Very respectfully

R. C. Preston. Acting Director.

Miss S. M. Landon.

May 2, 1883.

Millon, Vermont.

In compliance with your request of the 30th ultimo, I have this day transmitted to S. W. Landon, Van Ness House, Burlington, Vermont, a check for \$98.90 the amount of salary due you for the month of April. I also enclose herewith a letter addressed you by the Treasurer of the United States, which I presume encloses the duplicate check referred to in your letter of the 25th ultimo, and which was received at this Office this morning, as you will observe by the postmark.

The rule at present in regard to leaves of absence is that no leave shall be granted in excess of thirty days with pay, and any absence in excess of that number of days is without pay, except in case of sickness, when a physician's certificate or other satisfactory evidence must be furnished, in which case pay is allowed.

Under a recent decision substitutes are no longer allowed.

If you are unable to return to duty, in order to receive your compensation it will be necessary that you furnish certificate or other satisfactory evidence of your disability.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Shelton.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

May 2, 1883.

New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary expenses account for the month ending March 31, 1883, with my approval.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Shelton.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

May 2, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

The number of Standard Silver Dollars to be coined by your Mint during the month of May is hereby fixed at One Million pieces.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

May 2, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$800 to meet the expenses of the refining, in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Parting and refining bullion".

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

May 2, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

The following coins reserved at your Mint for special assay during the month of April 1883, and forwarded to this Office have been received. viz:

1 Half Eagle	<u>\$ 5.00</u>
8 St. Silver Dollars	<u>8.00</u>
10 Dimes	<u>1.00</u>
Total value	<u>\$ 14.00</u>

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

May 2, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of May 1883, has been approved for the sum of \$ 39,000 payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries.	1883.	<u>\$4,000.</u>
Wages of Workmen	"	<u>30,000.</u>
Contingent Expenses	"	<u>5,000</u>

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Paul Langhammer Esq.

May 2, 1883.

Albuquerque

N. M.

Sir:

The following Report of the Director of the Mint has been mailed to you this day, as requested in your letter of the 26th ult. viz:

Mining Report for the year 1881.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Messrs Poringarten & Sons.

May 2, 1883.

Philadelphia Pa.

Gents:

Your letter of the 28th ultimo enclosing your a/c for acids delivered to Major W. B. Hughes Quartermaster U. S. Army for shipment to the U. S. Mint at Denver Colorado, has been received, and I have transmitted your account to the Assayer in charge of said Mint with instructions to permit you

draft for the amount \$291.⁶⁹/₁₀₀.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Dr. P. de P. Ricketts.

May 2, 1883.

School of Mines.

New York.

Sir:

The following Reports of the Director of the Mint have been mailed this day, as requested in your letter of the 30th ult. to John Gordon Jr. Rio Janeiro, Brazil, viz:

Mining Reports for the years 1880 and 1881.

Annual " " fiscal year 1882.

A copy of the latter report also sent to your address.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

May 2, 1883.

San Francisco.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department your Bullion Accounts for the quarter ended December 31, 1882, with my approval, except as to the payment of Deposit No 411, Receipt No 9, being a deposit of silver bullion made by the Anglo Californian Bank for payment in bars, the standard weight of which was erroneously calculated and paid as 1801.73 ounces instead of 1802.73 ounces.

You are hereby instructed to charge your "silver bullion deposit account" with one ounce of standard silver contained in this deposit and not heretofore charged to that account, and credit the same as a profit in your "profit and loss account" until paid to the proper parties, when the usual credits may be taken. The Miller and

Refiner, will receipt for the same, and it will be charged to him in his accounts, and so appear in your accounts for the current quarter.

With reference to the errors in the gross weights of the tin deposits referred to in my letter of the 4th ultimo, I would say that the fact that one error offsets another ^{is of very small importance}, the abstract sheets on the abstract sheets, are supposed to be a correct exhibit of the deposits from their weight after melting and deduction to payment, and should be correct in every particular.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Telegram.

Anglo Californian Bank.
San Francisco.

May 3. 1883.

Your offer declined

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed.

Acting Director.

Similar telegram sent to.

Telegram.

Bank of California

San Francisco.

Telegram.

Boston & Colorado Smelting Co.
Denver, Colo.

May 3. 1883.

Your offer accepted for New Orleans at one hundred ten and thirty-five hundredth cents per ounce fine.

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed.

Acting Director.

Telegram.

Nancy & Cronin.
24 Nassau Street.
New York.

May 3. 1883.

Your offers for Philadelphia and New Orleans accepted.

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed.

Acting Director.

Telegram. Saml Mayer.
San Francisco.

May 3, 1883.

✓ Your offer accepted.

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed.

Acting Auditor.

Telegram Supt. Mint.

May 3, 1883.

New Orleans, La

✓ Receive from Handy & Gronie one hundred and twenty thousand ounces, and from Boston and Colorado Smelting Company fifty thousand ounces both at one hundred ten and thirty five hundredths cents per ounce fine.

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed.

Acting Auditor.

Telegram. J & W. Seligman & Co.

May 3, 1883.

NY York.

✓ Your offer accepted.

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed.

Acting Auditor.

Treasury Auditor.

May 3, 1883.

Treasury Department.

Sir,

✓ I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Bullion accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Carson City. Acc. for the quarter ending December 31, 1882 rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Auditor.

Supt. Mint.

May 3, 1883.

Carson.

Sir;

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Bullion accounts for the Quarter ending December 31, 1882 with my approval.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Auditor.

Supt. Mint.

May 3, 1883.

Carson.

Sir;

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be deposited in your name in the Treasury of the United States, on account of the profits on the coinage of standard silver dollars, the sum of thirty-six thousand six hundred and seventy-eight dollars and ninety-three cents (\$36,678.93) and that your Bullion Fund be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Auditor.

Supt. Mint.

May 3, 1883.

Carson.

Sir;

I return herewith for correction your statement of Earnings and Expenditures for the quarter ended December 31, 1882.

The amount expended for Contingent Expenses, not including wastage and loss on sale of scraps, should be \$7,608.44 instead of \$7,708.44 as you have it entered; the Parting and Refining Charges should be \$4,943.58 instead of \$4,903.58; the Milling Alloy and Bar charges should be \$50.21.

instead of \$90²¹.

Please return the enclosed statement with the corrected one.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Quictor.

Supt. Minit.

May 3, 1883.

Carson.

Sir,

It is decided that, if possible the Bullin Accounts for the quarter ended March 31st shall reach this Office in time to be examined before the close of the current fiscal year. I will therefore thank you to forward your accounts for that period as soon as you can without interfering with the regular business of your institution.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Quictor.

Assayer in charge.

May 3, 1883.

Denver, Colorado.

Sir,

I transmit herewith receipted in duplicate the account of Messrs Rosengarten & Sons Philadelphia, for 40 pounds of concentrated ammonia delivered to Major W. B. Hughes, Quartermaster U. S. Army, for shipment to your Minit.

You will please transmit Messrs Rosengarten & Sons draft for the amount \$7.35 due them.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Quictor.

Assayer in Charge.

May 3, 1883.

Nelima. Mon.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary expense account with abstracts and vouchers for the month ending March 31st 1883.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Quicks.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office.

May 3, 1883.

New York.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 2 instant in relation to the balance of cash in the Sub-Treasury to the credit of the late Superintendent belonging to the Ordinary and Refining Expense Accounts at the time of his demise, I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause the same to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States to his credit.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Quicks.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office.

May 3, 1883,

New York.

Sir:

The President of the United States having appointed Benjamin T. Martin the Assistant Minter and Refiner, to be Minter and Refiner of your institution, and issued to him a commission as such bearing date of the 28th day of April 1883, you will please instruct Mr Martin to qualify for that office by executing a bond in the sum of twenty thousand dollars, (\$20,000.) with two or more good and sufficient sureties, on the form herewith enclosed, upon the proper execution of which you will please forward it

to this office. I enclose herewith his commission, which you will please hold until you are informed of the approval of his bond.

His salary as Melter and Refiner will commence from the date of his new official oath, accompanying his bond, but he will not enter upon the duties of the office until his bond is approved.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Dutton.

Acting Director. ✓

Supt. U. S. Assay Office.
New York.

May 3. 1883.

Sir;

C. D. No. 2068 for \$1207.20 being a portion of the balance of Parting and Refining funds in the hands of P. C. Van Wyck at the time of his decease, enclosed in your communication of the 30th ultimo has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given him in his Refining Expense Accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for Parting and Refining Bullion.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Dutton.

Acting Director. ✓

Supt. U. S. Assay Office.
New York.

May 3. 1883.

Sir;

C. D. No 2069 for \$276.20 being a portion of the unexpended balance of Contingent funds in the hands of P. C. Van Wyck, enclosed in your communication of the 30th ultimo, has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given him in his Ordinary Accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the

appropriation for 'Contingent Expenses, New York Assay Office', 1883.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office.
New York.

May 3, 1883.

Sir;

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the Ordinary and Refining Expense Accounts of the late Superintendent of your Office for part of the month of April, 1883.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

May 3, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates, and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for, as may be preferred, either in silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in silver dollars, to wit: of-

J & W. Seligman & Co	50,000 ounces at	<u>\$ 1.1030</u>
" " " " "	25,000 " "	<u>1.1035</u>
Naudy & Glorie	80,000 " "	<u>1.1035</u>

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mmt.

May 3, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

It is desired that, if possible the Bullion Accounts for the quarter ended March 31st shall reach this office in time to be examined before the close of the current fiscal year.

I will therefore thank you to forward your accounts for that period, as soon as you can without interfering with the regular business of your institution.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

R. Acting Director.

Similar letter sent toSupt. Mmt.✓ San Francisco. ✓

Supt Mmt.

May 3, 1883.

San Francisco.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be deposited in your name in the Treasury of the United States, on account of the profits on the coinage of standard silver dollars, the sum of two hundred and eleven thousand five hundred and twenty-seven dollars and thirty-two cents (\$211,527.32.) and that your Bullion Fund be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Hon Charles J. Folger.

May 3, 1883.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States in the name of James W. Bradford, Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Carson, Nevada, the sum of thirty-six thousand six

hundred and seventy-eight dollars and ninety three cents
 (\$36,678.93) on account of the profits on the coinage
 of Standard silver dollars, and that the Bullion Fund
 of said Mint be increased by a transfer of the same amount

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Similar letter, requesting a deposit of (\$211,527.32) in
 the name of C. J. Bullion, Supt. U. S. Mint, at San Francisco.

Messrs. Rosengarten & Sons.

May 3, 1883.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Gents:

Your letter of the 2nd inst transmitting account
 receipted in duplicate, for 40 pounds of Concentrated Ammonia
 delivered to Major W. B. Hughes Quartermaster U. S. Army, for
 shipment to the U. S. Mint at Denver Colo. has been received
 and I have forwarded the a/c to that Mint with instructions
 to permit you draft for the amount called for therein \$7.35.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Hon Chas. J. Folger.

May 3, 1883.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to state that upon the decease of Pericles
Van Nyck late Superintendent of the New York Assay Office,
 there was in the hands of the Assistant Treasurer at New York
 to his credit as Superintendent the sum of sixteen thousand
 seven hundred and fifty-three dollars and sixty-four cents
 (\$16,753.64) of moneys advanced from the appropriations
 for the support of that institution. I have the honor to re-
 quest that you will cause the same to be deposited in the
 Treasury of the United States to the credit of the following
 appropriation:

appropriations:

Salaries, New York Assay Office, 1883	\$ 3,280.46
Wages of workmen " " "	1,935.75
Contingent Expenses " " "	686.14
Parting and Refining Bullion, 1883	10,831.29
Total	\$16,753.64

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

P. S. There are no outstanding checks against this sum.

Telegram. Supt. Mint.

May 3, 1883.

San Francisco

Receive from Daniel Meyer fifty thousand ounces at one hundred mini and fifty five hundredth cents per ounce fine.

R. C. Preston.

Confirmed.

Acting Director. ✓

First Auditor

May 4, 1883.

Treasury Department.

Sir;

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Bullion accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Assay Office at New York for the quarter ending December 31, 1882, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston

Acting Director. ✓

First Auditor

May 4, 1883.

Treasury Department.

Sir;

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the final Ordinary and Refinery Expense Accounts of Priscus R. Van Wyck, late Superintendent of the U. S. Assay Office at New York for the period embraced between April 1st

and 23rd (inclusive) 1883, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

^{May} April 4, 1883.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, the Ordinary and Refining Expense Accounts of the late Superintendent of your Office for part of the month of April 1883 with my approval.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New Office.

May 4, 1883.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement the Bullion Accounts of P. L. Van Nyck, late Superintendent for the quarter ending December 31, 1882, with my approval.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.
Philadelphia.

May 4, 1883.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

1000 Memorandums of Gold Bullion Deposited.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston, Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge.
St. Louis.

May 4, 1883.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense account with Abstracts and Vouchers for the month ending April, 1883.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Assay Office.
New York.

May 5, 1883.

Sir,

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$10,000. to meet the expenses of the refining in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Assaying and refining bullion".

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston. Acting Director.

Similar letter sent to

Supt. Mint.

San Francisco. Cal

Assay in Charge.

May 5, 1883.

Charlotte.

Sir,

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of May 1883, has been approved for the sum of \$400.96, payable from the following appropriation made for the support of your institution during the current fiscal year, viz

Salaries	1883	<u>\$ 234.30</u>
Wages of Workmen	"	} <u>166.66</u>
Contingent Expenses	"	

Very respectfully
 R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge.
Denver.

May 5. 1883.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of May 1883. has been approved for the sum of \$25.00, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your unit during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1883.	\$ <u>10.00.</u>
Wages of Workmen	"	<u>10.00.</u>
Contingent Expenses.	"	<u>5.00.</u>

Very respectfully.
 R. C. Preston.

Acting Director

Similar letter except in amount addressed to

✓ Supt. Assay Office,

New York N. Y.

Approved for the sum of \$64.00.

Salaries	1883.	\$ <u>34.00</u>
Wages of Workmen	"	<u>2.00</u>
Contingent Expenses.	"	<u>1.00</u>

Similar letter except in amount addressed to

✓ Supt. Mint

San Francisco, Cal.

Approved for the sum of \$26.500.

Salaries	1883.	\$ <u>35.00</u>
Wages of Workmen	"	<u>18.000</u>
Contingent Expenses.	"	<u>5.000</u>

Assayer in Charge.

May 5. 1883.

Boise City

Sir:

C. O. No 835 for \$39. being on account of Assays & ore enclosed in your communication of the 12th ultimo has been received properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury as personal credit to be given you in your accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "Miscellaneous receipt"

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston Acting Director.

Messrs Bullock & Crenshaw.
258 Arch Street.
Philadelphia.

May 5. 1883.

Gents:

I return herewith your accounts for chemicals delivered to Major W. B. Hughes Quartermaster U. S. Army for shipment to the U. S. Mint at Denver Colorado with the request that you will receipt the same as it will facilitate the payment thereof.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Quicks.

Wm Ballantyne & Son.
428 7th St. City.

May 5. 1883.

Gentlemen:

Your bill of the 28th ultimo for books purchased for the use of this Bureau amounting to \$11.90 has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Quicks.

Supt. Mint.
Carson.

May 5. 1883.

Sir

I have received your letter of the 11th ultimo in relation to the introduction of telephones into your Mint, and have forward a copy of the same to the proper accounting officers of the Department for such consideration as they may see proper to give it.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston. Acting Quicks.

Supt. Mint.

May 5. 1883.

Carson.

Sir;

Referring to your letter of the 27th ultimo inquiring relative to a draft on account of the appropriation for Printing and Binding Bulletin for the month of April. I would say that the same was mailed you on the 25th ultimo, and I presume has reached you before this time.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director ✓

Supt. Mint.

May 5. 1883.

Carson.

Sir;

Requisition has this day been made upon the Printer for blank Registers of Deposits (4) and as requested in your letter of the 24th ultimo and copies will be mailed you as soon as received.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

The Financial Association.

May 5. 1883.

P. O. Box 1319.

New York.

Gentlemen;

I have received a bill from you for Subscription for The Public from December 9. 1882 till December 9. 1883. \$5.00

On the 18th of last December I approved a bill of this amount for subscription to The Public covering the same period embraced in this bill, and I presume you have received a draft for the amount long before this. I therefore return this duplicate bill.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston. Acting Director.

Supt. Mint

May 5, 1883.

New Orleans.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

1 Book of Superintendents' Silver Clippings No 24.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Gentlemen.

May 5, 1883.

Your bill of the 30th ultimo for repairs to rolling machine purchased for the use of the Laboratory in connection with this office amounting to \$55.79 has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Mr. Mess & Morgan.

1219 Callowhill St.

Philadelphia.

Supt. Mint

May 5, 1883.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your Medal Fund Account for the quarter ended March 31st 1883, I notice that you have omitted to enclose receipts for cash paid Adams Express Co on packages to Washington, sent January 10th February 5th and March 5th.

As these are necessary as vouchers for the amounts paid I will thank you to forward them for file with the account.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Supt. Mmt.

May 5. 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

✓ Requisition has this day been made upon the Printer for Blank, Three Blank books, and as requested in your letter of the 3rd instant and copies will be mailed you as soon as received.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston.

Acting Quicks. ✓

Supt. Mmt.

May 5. 1883

San Francisco. Cal.

Sir;

✓ I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th ultimo explaining certain errors in the vouchers accompanying your Ordinary accounts for the month of March 1883, and would state that the same has been referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department with the request that the disallowances be removed.

With reference to the practice, which you state has been in vogue at your Mmt of verifying memoranda of accounts with dealers instead of the bills when rendered. I would say that the practice is a bad one and I would advise that it be discontinued. All original bills should be compared when rendered, with the orders for delivery and the record of supplies received, and the calculation of value verified in the Superintendent's department before the account is paid.

This will render your vouchers more perfect, and avoid trouble and delay in settling your accounts.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston.

Acting Quicks. ✓

Telegram Supt. Mint
Carson.

May 7. 1883.

✓ Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one hundred mms and
ten tenths cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed

Quicks.

Similar telegram sent to

Telegram Supt. Mint

✓ San Francisco Cal.

Telegram Supt. Mint

May 7. 1883.

Philadelphia

✓ Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one hundred mms and
three quarter cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed

Quicks. ✓

Similar telegram sent to.

Telegram Supt. Mint

New Orleans La. ✓

Assay in Charge.

May 7. 1883.

Helena Mont.

Sir;

— I have examined and referred to the proper accounting
offices of the Department for examination and settlement
your Ordinary account for the month ending March 31st. 1883
with my approval.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicks.

Similar letter sent to.

Assayer in Charge.

Charlotte N.C. ✓

Lead

Supt. Mint

May 7. 1883.

Carson

Sir

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting
 officers of the Treasury, for examination and settlement, an
 account of the Pennsylvania Railway Co. for the transportation
 in the month of February 1883 from Washington to Chicago
 of One box of Stationery, consigned to your care, payable from
 the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint 1883
 amount \$1.47.

Very respectfully

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicks.

Similar letter except in amount adduced to.✓ Assayer in charge. Denver. Mint. Amount. \$2.41 ✓First Auditor.

May 7. 1883.

Treasury Department.

Sir

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the
 Ordinary Expense accounts of the Assayer in charge of the
 U. S. Assay Office at Helena Mon & Charlotte N. C. for the month
 ending March 31st. 1883. rendered to me for the purpose of ad-
 justment as required by law

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicks.

Assayer in Charge.

May 7. 1883.

Boise City.

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your statement of
 Earnings and Expenditures for the quarter ended March 31. 1883.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicks.

Supt. Mint.

May 7, 1883.

Carson.

Sir:

I have this day requested that the bullion fund of your Mint be increased by a transfer of Two Hundred thousand silver dollars, and that the same be placed to your credit with Assistant Treasurer U.S. at San Francisco by telegraph.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Buichard.

Quicks.

Clerk Folding Room.

May 7, 1883.

U. S. Senate.

Sir:

Can you furnish me for this office, a copy of the report of Senator Jones Silver Committee?

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Buichard.

Assayer in charge.

May 7, 1883

Denver.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

500 Quarterly reports of gold deposits melted. Form 102. a.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Buichard.

Quicks.

Assayer in charge.

May 7, 1883.

Denver Colo.

Sir:

I have requested that the bullion fund of your Mint be increased by a transfer of One hundred thousand dollars. 100,000 and that the same be placed to your credit with the

Colorado National Bank of Denver.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quadr. ✓

Sept. Unit

May 7. 1883

New Orleans.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 4th instant enclosing the following statements for the month of April 1883 viz:

to 222 a. Cashier's Statement Balances.

✓ " 224 " Balances on appropriations

" 226 " High Clerks Balances.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quadr. ✓

Le Ministère de Finances.

Le 7. Mai 1883.

Bruxelles. Belgique.

Monsieur:

✓ Votre lettre du 6 Avril, et le résumé de la législation monétaire de votre Gouvernement durant la période 1830 à 1882, est reçu.

Il me fait grand plaisir d'envoyer mon rapport du 1881: le rapport de l'année 1882 n'est pas encore publié, mais quand il est imprimé il me serait bien agréable de vous transmettre une copie.

agréz, Monsieur, mes sentiments les plus distingués.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Le Directeur.

A translation of the above letter.

Minister of Finance.

May 7. 1883.

Brussels, Belgium.

Sir:

Your letter of the 6th of April and the résumé of the monetary legislation of your Government during the period from

1830, to 1882, is received. It gives me great pleasure to send you my report of 1881: the report for the year 1882 is not yet published, but when it is printed, it will be very agreeable to me to transmit you a copy.

Accept Sir my highest regards.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Capt. Mint.

May 7, 1883.

New Orleans.

Sir,

The following coins received at your Mint for special assay during the month of April 1883, and forwarded to this office have been received. viz:

8 Standard Silver Dollars.

\$8.00

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Capt. Mint.

May 7, 1883.

New Orleans.

Sir,

I transmit herewith the Assay report upon special Assay coins taken from the first deliveries in each week at your Mint during the month of March 1883 forwarded for test as prescribed by the regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Capt. Mint.

May 7, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir,

I enclose herewith a letter addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury by S. H. Norman, Cashier of the National

Exchange Bank, Newport R. I. and referred to this office, in regard to transportation charges paid by him on silver and minor coin transmitted him from your Mint.

I will thank you to report the facts in the case to this office, returning the letter of Mr. Norman.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

May 7, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I forward by to day's mail a corrected and revised table of distances from Philadelphia to certain towns agreed upon between the Treasury Department and the Adams Express Company to take effect from April 1st 1883.

Please make the necessary changes and return the book to this office at your earliest convenience.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

May 7, 1883

Philadelphia

Sir:

I enclose herewith an additional table of distances to enable you to make payments for shipment of standard silver dollars to certain places.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.
Philadelphia.

May 7, 1883.

Sir;

The Superintendent of the Mint at Carson requests that he be furnished by your Mint with standard gauges for the measurement of the heights of piles of twenty pieces of the following denominations of coins;

Double Eagles, Eagles and Half Eagles. You will please cause these gauges to be made and transmitted to the Carson Mint.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint
San Francisco.

May 7, 1883.

Sir;

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Treasury for examination and settlement, an account of the Pennsylvania Railway Co for the transportation in the month of January 1883 from Washington to Chicago of one box, and two bundles of Stationery consigned to your care, payable from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint, 1883. Amount \$3.50

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Assayer in Charge.
St. Louis.

May 7, 1883.

Sir;

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of May 1883 has been approved for the sum of \$448.20 payable from the following appropriation made for the support of your institution.

during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1883	\$ <u>298.20</u>
Wages of Workmen.	}	<u>150.</u>
Contingent Expenses.		

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Hon Chas J. Folger.

May 7, 1883.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that the Bullion Fund of the U.S. Mint at Carson City be inclosed in the sum of Two Hundred Thousand dollars, (\$200,000) by a transfer of that amount in Standard Silver dollars, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of the said Mint with the Assistant Treasurer of the U.S. at San Francisco by telegraph.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Hon Chas J. Folger.

May 7 1883.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir,

I transmit herewith for your information copy of a letter received at this Office from the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia in reference to the recoinage of one-cent copper nickel coins.

If there are any of such coins remaining in the Treasury and you desire that they be converted into five-cent coins, by the addition of the proper amount of nickel, I would respectfully suggest that you cause the same to be transmitted to the mint at Philadelphia for exchange as early as practicable. As otherwise, the Mint will be compelled in order to meet the demands, to commence the

comage of five-cent pieces from nickel and copper.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Hon Chas J. Folger

May 7, 1883.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the Bullion Fund of the Mint of the U. S. at Denver, Colorado, be increased one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) by a transfer of that amount, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said Mint with the Colorado National Bank of Denver.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Telegram

Supt. Mint.

May 8, 1883.

New Orleans.

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one hundred and six tenths cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Director.

Telegram

Supt. Mint.

May 8, 1883.

Carson, Nev.

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one hundred and nine cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard

Confirmed.

Director.

Similar telegram sent to

Supt. Mint.

✓ San Francisco, Cal.

Supt. Mint.

May 8. 1883.

Culson.

Sir:

I have to inform you that Form 223 "Monthly Statement of Balances of Bullion and Coin belonging to Bullion Accounts," is superseded by Form 232 "Monthly Statement of Balances of Bullion and Coin belonging to, and Condition of, the Bullion Accounts," and that hereafter it will be necessary for you to transmit that form.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Similar letter addressed to.✓ Supt. Mint.New Orleans, La.

✓ "

Philadelphia, Pa.

"

✓ San Francisco.Messrs Bullock & Grenshaw.

May 8. 1883.

128 Arch Street,

Philadelphia.

Gentlemen:

I have this day transmitted to the Assayer in charge your account for chemicals delivered to Major W. B. Hughes, Quartermaster U. S. A. for shipment to the U. S. Mint, at Denver, Colorado, with the request that a draft for the amount \$48.37 be transmitted you.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

✓ Assayer in charge.

May 8. 1883.

Denver.

Sir:

I transmit herewith on account of Messrs Bullock and Grenshaw, of Philadelphia, receipt in duplicate.

for chemicals delivered to Major W. B. Hughes, Quantico U.S.A.
for shipment to your Mnt.

You will please remit Messrs Bullock and Crenshaw a
draft for the amount \$48.37

Very respectfully

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quincy

✓

Supt Mnt.

May 8, 1883.

New Orleans.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of May 1883, has been approved for the sum of \$12,409.17, payable from the following appropriation made for the support of your Mnt during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1883	<u>\$2,725.00</u>
Wages of Workmen	"	<u>2,684.17</u>
Contingent Expenses	"	<u>3,000.00</u>
Comage Standard Silver Dollars		<u>4,000.00</u>

Very respectfully

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quincy

✓

Supt. Mnt.

May 8, 1883.

New Orleans.

Sir:

I have to inform you that the Secretary of the Treasury has accepted the offer of Henry Sanford, General Manager of the Adams Express Company to transport silver dollars from your Mnt to Brownsville, Texas, at the rate of six dollars per thousand.

These shipments will be made under "General regulations for the distribution of standard silver dollars," prescribed by this Office, and approved by the Secretary of the Treasury.

dated August 21, 1880, a copy of which is enclosed herewith.

Very respectfully

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director. ✓

Supt. Mint.

May 8, 1883.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir,

Until further notice the purchasing rate of silver bullion in lots of less than ten thousand ounces at your Mint, has been fixed at one hundred and six tenths cents per ounce fine.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director. ✓

Supt. Mint.

May 8, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir,

Upon my return to this office I find upon my table your report of the 12th ultimo upon the investigation made by you under instructions from this office of the 13th of March to ascertain the cause and responsibility for the deficiency of one of the gold coins of the New Orleans Mint in fineness, as certified to the President at the last Annual Assay.

I have carefully read and considered your statement of the facts and your opinion as to the official responsibility for this defect in the coinage of that Mint, and desire to thank you for your care and thoroughness in making the examination, and to express my concurrence in your conclusions.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director. ✓

Supt. Mint.

May 8, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir,

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of yesterday in reply to one from this office of the 5th instant in relation to receipts of the Adams Express Co for charges on packages of medals sent to this city.

I have to say that the same cannot be found and I will thank you to have duplicates forwarded for file with the account.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Quicks.

Hon Chas J. Folger

May 8, 1883.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte N. C. to that of the Mint at Philadelphia Pa. of the sum of Two thousand, three hundred and forty two $\frac{37}{100}$ Dollars (\$2,342.37) in Gold Coin, and Twenty two $\frac{88}{100}$ Dollars (\$22.88) in Silver Coin, making a total of Two thousand Three hundred and sixty four $\frac{25}{100}$ Dollars (\$2,365.25) being the net value of bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte for coinage as shown by Memorandum No 752, dated May 4th 1883 of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicks.

Supt. Mint.

May 9, 1883.

Carson.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of May 1883, has been approved for the sum of \$9,500. payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1883	<u>\$ 25'00</u>
Contingent Expenses	"	<u>1000</u>
Coinage Standard Silver dollars Act February 28, 1878		<u>6000</u>

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Similar letter except in amounts addressed to,

Assayer in Charge Helena Montana Amount \$ 15'00

Salaries	1883	<u>5'00</u>
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Wages of Workmen	"	<u>1,000.</u>
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Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Supt. Mint.

May 9, 1883,

New Orleans.

Sir:

I return herewith Form 231 a, Daily Statement of Receipts and Payments by and Balances in the hands of the Cashier belonging to the Bullion, Ordinary and other Expense Accounts May 1st, for correction. The object of this statement is to show the exact balances of the different kinds of money received, paid, and on hand, and it should correspond checks in every respect.

The Cashier has omitted to insert the amount of Superintendent's checks on the Assistant Treasurer at New York received, namely \$48,414.67. and does not credit himself with the like amount paid out for silver purchases.

The amount entered under the head of "Silver coin and bars" as certificates paid — \$4,500 — should be under the head of "Payments of transfer orders and letters".

Under the regulations prescribed for the distribution of standard silver dollars, these certificates were to be treated as transfers of funds.

I note your entry of \$18,000, in silver coin "Exchanged for currency". It appears to have been the practice at your Mint to make such exchanges, but for what reason, or upon what authority, I am not advised. The Coinage Act, Section 3527 of the Revised Statutes, only authorizes the paying out of silver coins at the Mints in exchange for gold coins, in sums of not less than one hundred dollars. The Mints are not authorized to redeem United States notes, which, under the Resumption law, can only be done at the Assistant Treasurer's Office at New York.

As the propriety and legality of the exchange of silver for currency at your Mint is questionable, it is preferable that it should be discontinued, and the statement of the currency in the funds belonging to the Bullion Accounts should disappear, either by paying out the currency, or by transferring it to the Treasury. I will therefore request the Secretary to transfer the amount of currency as soon as the report is received of the amount on hand.

Under the head of "Silver" you do not specify whether there are any fractional coins on hand, which should be done in order that the statement may agree, in case of count, with the denomination and character of moneys found to be on hand.

You will please transmit corrected statements for subsequent dates to the one returned herewith.

Very respectfully,

Horatio L. Burghard.

Director.

Supt. Assay Office.
New York.

May 9. 1883.

Sir,

I have your letter of the 4th instant inquiring whether in view of the settlement now being made of the accounts of the late Meltor and Refiner, and a thorough cleaning up in that department, the usual cleaning up in June cannot be dispensed with? and in reply would say, that as present advised I do not think it will be necessary for the Meltor and Refiner to make the usual delivery to the Superintendent at the close of the fiscal year of the bullion then in his possession, or to ascertain his wastage for the remainder of the present fiscal year.

The usual statements, reports, and accounts of the business of the Assay Office for the current fiscal year however will have to be prepared and forwarded, and balances stated as heretofore, except that it may not be deemed necessary to verify the statements by the actual count of the funds and weighing of the bullion in the presence of a representative of this office as heretofore at the close of the year.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Purchard.

Director.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office.
New York.

May 9. 1883.

Sir,

I enclose herewith a duplicate Certificate of Deposit of the balances belonging to the several appropriations for the support of your Office to the credit of Pierre C. Van Wyck, late Superintendent, with the Assistant Treasurer at New York, and which sum \$16,753.64 was redeposited to the credit of the appropriations from whence drawn by order of the Secretary of the Treasury.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Purchard.

Director.

A. Michie, Esq.

May 9, 1883.

London, England.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with your request I have this day forwarded to Mr Thomas Walsh care United States Consulate at Yokohama Japan two (2) volumes enclosing the report of Senator Jones Silver Committee.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

May 9, 1883.

Carson, N.H.

Dear Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$1000.00 to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Parting and refining bullion".

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Black Folding Room.

May 9, 1883.

W. S. Denati.

Dear Sir:

I have this day received the copy of the Report of Senator Jones Silver Committee for which you will please accept my thanks.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Zac. C. Durall Esq.

May 9, 1883.

Silverton, Colo.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with your request of the 3rd instant, I forward you by to days mail copies of my reports upon the

production of the precious metals during the years 1880 and 1882.

Very respectfully,

Aratus C. Bruchard.

Director.

P.S. There is no charge for postage.

Sept. Minst.

May 9, 1883.

Philadelphia

Sir,

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 8th instant authority is hereby granted you to purchase the books therein referred to and the blank forms of same are herewith returned.

Very respectfully,

Aratus C. Bruchard.

Director.

Hon Chas. J. Folger.

May 9, 1883.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge your reference of the 2nd instant of a letter from the Secretary of State enclosing a copy of a letter from the United States Consul at Barranquilla transmitting two half dollars of the coinage of the U. S. of Columbia and requesting that he be informed of their real or market value in the United States.

I enclose herewith Treasury circular furnishing the value of the standard coins of the various nations of the world as estimated on January 1st 1883.

In this circular the Peso or dollar of the United States of Columbia is valued at 81 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents, which value was based upon the average market price of silver during the last three months of 1882.

The value of the half dollar, estimated at the same price for silver, is 37 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents. It should be remarked that the half dollar is a subsidiary coin, and although its nominal or current value is half of that of the

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Confirmed.

dollar its intrinsic value is less than half by 3 cents.
The letter of the Secretary of State with its enclosures, is herewith returned.

Very respectfully
Horatio C. Burchard
Director.

Thomas Walsh, Esq.

May 9, 1883.

Care United States Consulate
Yokohama Japan.

Dear Sir;

At the request of Mr A. Mitchell of London England, I have procured and forward you by to days mail the Report of Senator J. P. Jones Silver Committee: the same being directed to the care of the United States Council at Yokohama. Japan

Very respectfully
Horatio C. Burchard.
Director.

Telegram

Anglo Californian Bank.
San Francisco. Cal.

May 10, 1883

Your offer declined.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed

Director

Telegram.

Boston and Colorado Smelting Company.
Denver Col.

May 10, 1883.

Your offer accepted for New Orleans at one hundred and ten cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Director

Telegram.

Supt. Mint
Carson City, Nev.

May 10, 1883.

Confirmed. Pryor's offer declined.

Horatio C. Burchard.
Director.

Telegram

Wandy & Lerone.

May 10. 1883.

24 Nassau Street.

New York.

Your offers for Philadelphia and New Orleans at one hundred
nine and ninety-nine hundredth cents per ounce fine
 accepted other declined.

Horatio C. Burchard

Confirmed

Quictor.

Telegram

Daniel Meyer.

May 10. 1883.

San Francisco.

Your offer accepted

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Quictor.

Telegram.

Supt. Mint.

May 10, 1883.

New Orleans La.

✓ Recieve from Boston and Colorado Smelting Company forty thousand
ounces at one hundred and ten cents per ounce and from
Wandy and Lerone fifty thousand ounces at one hundred
nine and ninety-nine hundredth cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Quictor.

Telegram.

Supt. Mint.

May 10. 1883.

San Francisco, Cal.

✓ Recieve from Nevada Bank sixty-eight thousand ounces at
one hundred nine and three eighth cents per ounce and
 from Daniel Meyer twenty thousand at one hundred nine
and one quarter cent per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Quictor.

Telegram.

Nevada Bank.

May 10. 1883.

San Francisco.

Confirmed. Your offer accepted.

Horatio C. Burchard. Quictor.

Telegram.

J. & W. Seligman & Company
New York.

May 10. 1883.

Your offer accepted.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Quictor.

First Auditor.

May 10. 1883

U. S. Treasury.

Sir;

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the final Ordinary and Refining Expense Accounts of Pierre C. Van Wyck, late Superintendent of the U. S. Assay Office New York.

Very respectfully

Horatio C. Burchard

Quictor.

Supt. Mint

May 10. 1883.

Carson

Sir;

The following blank books for official use have been mailed you this day viz:

6 Computation books No 81

1 Coiners Day book.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

C. K. Judson

May 10. 1883.

Chicago Ill.

My dear Mr Judson.

I have your form of the Index books for my office for "letters received" and "letters sent", which Mr. Preston informs me it is estimated will cost for the two books \$116.00. As this is a pretty heavy expense for two Index books, I decide to know what it would be should duplicates be

prepared at the same time; that is, what would be the total cost of two, three, or four books of the same kind; the ruling, paging and printing all to be done at the same time, without changing the type or lines for the extra books, and at comparatively small additional expense?

Very truly

Horatio C. Burchard.

Supt. Mint

May 10, 1883.

Carson, Nev.

Sir:

Your letter of the 3rd instant enclosing statement of silver purchased during the month of April 1883 has been received.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Assay Office
New York.

May 10, 1883.

Sir:

I have referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement the final Ordinary and Refinery Expense Accounts of Pierre C. Van Wyck, late Superintendent of the U. S. Assay Office, New York, with my approval.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Assay Office.
New York.

May 10, 1883.

Sir:

When can the clean up at your Assay Office be completed and the amount of bullion in your possession as Melted and Refined ascertained, so that the shortage or surplus may be declared and charged or credited in your accounts?

I will endeavor to come to New York if practicable

to be present at the formal delivery of the bullion to your successor if you will advise me when you will be ready.

I have approved his bond, and will advise you, as soon as it is approved by the Secretary.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burghard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

May 10, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for, as may be preferred, either in silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in silver dollars, to wit: of

<u>J & W. Seligman & Co</u>	25,000	ounces, at \$	<u>1.0995</u>
" " " "	25,000	" "	<u>1.0998</u>
<u>Hendy & Cronise</u>	50,000	" "	<u>1.0999</u>

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burghard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

May 10, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I will thank you to inform me how soon the dies for the Life-saving Medals and attachments now in course of preparation at your Mint, will be completed.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burghard.

Director.

Supt. Munit.
Philadelphia

May 10, 1883.

Sir;

I notice in the Cashier's Daily Statement (Form 231.) of receipts and payments and balances of cash in the hands of the Cashier belonging to the Bullion, Minor Coinage, Ordinary and other Expense Accounts on the 9th instant he gives under the head of "Cash belonging to Minor Coin Account" the balance in currency as \$188,263.76 and under "Denomination and Character of Funds on hand" he states the amount belonging to the Minor Coinage Account in currency to be \$197,085.21 a difference of \$8,821.45 which, it appears is exactly the balance of cash on hand belonging to the Ordinary and other Expense Accounts.

You will please instruct the Cashier that hereafter he will not include the balance belonging to the Ordinary Account in that of moneys belonging to the Minor Coinage Account, but state the amount separately, under the proper heading.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Bruchard.

Quictor.

Supt. Munit.
San Francisco.

May 10, 1883.

Sir;

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

2 Books of Gold Deposits received.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Bruchard.

Quictor.

Hon. Chas. J. Folger.

May 10. 1883.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion fund of the Assay Office at Charlotte, N. C. to that of the Mint at Philadelphia Pa. of the sum of Two thousand Two hundred and eighty-three $\frac{57}{100}$ Dollars (\$2,283.61) in gold coin, and Fourteen $\frac{57}{100}$ Dollars (\$4.57) in silver coin, making a total of Two thousand Two hundred and ninety-eight $\frac{18}{100}$ Dollars (\$2,298.18) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte, for coinage as shown by Memorandum No 767, dated May 7th 1883. of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Assayer in charge.

May 11. 1883.

Denver Mint.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expenses Account with Abstracts and Vouchers for the month ending April 30th 1883.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Hon. C. B. Darrall

May 11. 1883.

New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Your letter in regard to the New Orleans Mint came during my absence and was forwarded to me at Tripport.

I thank you for your information and suggestions, I am hoping for the harmonious cooperation of the officers of the Mint, and shall regret if it becomes necessary to recom-

mend a removal to secure the highest efficiency in the service of that institution.

Very respectfully

Horatio C. Burdard.

Director.

Supt. Mint

May 11. 1883.

New Orleans.

Sir,

If your official duties would permit, I should be pleased to have you make a visit to Washington, and the Philadelphia Mint. This will give you an opportunity to familiarize yourself with the methods employed in transacting the business of the Mint and the New York Assay Office, which may be of practicable advantage to you, and I feel justified in authorizing you not only to make this visit, but to defray the expense from the Contingent appropriation of your Mint.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burdard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

May 11. 1883.

New Orleans.

Sir,

I return herewith Cashier's Daily Statements of Receipts and Payments by and Balances in the hands of the Cashier belonging to Bullion, Ordinary, and other Expense Accounts, for the 5th and 7th instant, in order that the same may be corrected as set forth in my letter of the 9th instant.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burdard.

Director.

Supt. Assay Office.
New York.

May 11. 1883

Sir;

Upon the information contained in your letter of the 10th instant I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Office be increased by a transfer of one hundred thousand (100,000) silver dollars the same to be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer at New York.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.
Director.

Supt Mint
Philadelphia.

May 11. 1883.

Sir;

I notice in the Cashier's Statement for May 10th the value of the old issues in the Mint Coinage Account to be \$53,416.02

Please inform me of the number of each denomination of these issues.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.
Director.

Hon Chas. J. Folger.
Secretary of the Treasury.

May 11. 1883.

Sir;

I have the honor to request that the Bullion Fund of the U.S. Assay Office at New York be increased in the sum of One hundred thousand Dollars. (\$100,000) by a transfer of that amount in Standard Silver Dollars, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of the said Assay Office with the Assistant Treasurer of the U.S. at New York

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.
Director.

Hon Chas. J. Folger.
Secretary of the Treasury.

May 11. 1883.

Sir;

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U.S. Mint at Denver, Colorado to that of the mint at Philadelphia Pa. of the sum of Seventy thousand Two hundred and Forty nine ¹⁴/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$ 70,249.14) in gold coin, and Eight hundred and Fifty-one ⁶⁷/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$ 851.67) in silver coin, making a total of Seventy-one thousand One hundred ⁸¹/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$ 71,000.81) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Mint at Denver, for Coinage as shown by Memorandum No 759, dated May 6th 1883, of Gold Bullion deposited at said

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burdard.

Director.

Hon Charles J. Folger.
Secretary of the Treasury.

May 11. 1883.

Sir;

Acknowledging your reference of the 5th instant of a letter from S. H. Norman, Cashier of the National Exchange Bank of Newport, R. I. in regard to transportation charges on silver and minor coin, which was referred to this Office for report. I have the honor to state that the letter of Mr Norman was referred to the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint a copy of whose letter is enclosed and which covers fully the points raised by Mr Norman, whose letter is returned herewith.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burdard.

Director.

Hon Chas. J. Folger
Secretary of the Treasury.

May 11. 1883.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at St. Louis, Missouri, be increased by a transfer of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000), and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said Office with the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at St. Louis.

Very respectfully,

Archie C. Burchard.

Director.

Hon Chas. J. Folger
Secretary of the Treasury.

May 11. 1883.

Sir,

I have the honor to respectfully return herewith the Certificate made at the close of the Annual Assay by the Commissioners appointed by the President to test the weight and fineness of the coins of the United States, issued during the year 1882 certifying to him that the fineness of one of such coins struck at the New Orleans Mint was below the legal limit of tolerance.

This Certificate having on the 13th of March 1883 been referred to me for a full report and my recommendation at the earliest practicable moment. I thereupon selected a London Snodden, Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint, and requested him to proceed to the New Orleans Mint and take the statements of such officers, clerks, and employes of that Mint as might have knowledge or information in regard to the assaying or making of the ingots from which the defective gold coins were made, and to ascertain if practicable, the cause and responsibility for their deficiency in fineness and to report to me at his earliest convenience the facts ascertained.

In compliance with my directions Mr Snodden

proceeded to the Mint at New Orleans and made a careful and thorough examination and has submitted his report and conclusions thereon which are enclosed herewith.

It appears from his investigation,

First. That the coin found by the Assay Commission to be deficient in fineness was of the delivery of November 22, 1882, instead of January 4, 1882.

Second. That this deficiency was occasioned by the neglect and fault of the assayer, Dr. Joseph Albrecht, in using impure proof gold which contained from three to five ten thousandths base metal.

Third. That the assayer had previous knowledge that his proof was impure and negligently continued to use it without obtaining proof gold of known purity or satisfying himself that it had been procured for him.

I concur in the conclusions of Mr. Snowden, that had the Assayer taken the proper precaution the errors in the assay and the deficiency of the coins of the November delivery in fineness would not have occurred.

While I am of the opinion that Dr. Albrecht is an able Chemist, and an experienced Assayer, it is evident that he has not exercised proper care in the performance of his duties as Assayer, and that this neglect which has thrown discredit upon the coinage of that Mint and upon his work as an officer must greatly impair his usefulness in the position as Assayer and demands the marked disapproval of the Department.

Therefore in view not only of these facts, but of the previous complaints relating to his official action, which upon investigation was disapproved, I deem it advisable that his official connection with the Mint should be severed and a competent Assayer appointed in his place.

Very respectfully,

Horatio L. Prichard.

Director.

Hon Chas. J. Folger.
Secretary of the Treasury.

May 11, 1883.

Sir:

I enclose for your consideration in case it should be deemed advisable to appoint an Assayer for the New Orleans Mint in place of Dr. Joseph Albrecht, the present Assayer, applications and recommendations received at my office for appointment to the position.

I would respectfully recommend the appointment of Frank F. Claussen the present Assistant, and now acting Assayer at that Mint. He is competent, well educated, and experienced, having been Assayer in the Mint for nearly six years, and is well recommended.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burckhard.

Quicksilver.

Assayer in Charge
St. Louis

May 11, 1883.

Sir:

Upon the information contained in your letter of the 4th instant I have requested that your Bullion Fund be increased Twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) by a Transfer of that amount, and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at St. Louis.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burckhard.

Quicksilver.

Assayer in Charge.
Helena, Montana.

May 11, 1883.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Bullion Accounts with abstracts and vouchers for the quarter ending March 31, 1883.

Very respectfully Horatio C. Burckhard. Quicksilver.

Supt. Mint.

May 11, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

I will thank you to forward as early as practicable
 "Monthly Statement of silver bullion purchases, Remedy and
 Transfers" (Form 193) for the month of April.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

May 11, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

I have received your letter of the 8th instant suggest-
 ing that it be advisable to take steps for securing
 a uniform diameter and thickness for the coins struck
 at the several Mints.

Your suggestion is of importance, and I will
 in a short time give my attention to the matter.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Assay Office.

May 11, 1883.

New York.

Sir;

The official bonds of Benjamin T. Martin, Minter and Refiner,
 and George B. Wilson, Assistant High Clerk of your Office,
 have been approved by the Secretary ^{of the Treasury} and transmitted to the
 Office of the First Comptroller for file.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Assayer in charge

May 12. 1883

Bowei City Idaho.

Sir;

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of May 1883 has been approved for the sum of \$600.00, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Office during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1883.	<u>\$ 158.60</u>
Wages of Workmen	"	}
Contingent Expenses	"	
		<u>344.40</u>

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Assayer in Charge.

May 12. 1883.

Bowei City, Idaho.

Sir;

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Account with Abstracts and Vouchers for the month ending April 30th 1883.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

May 12. 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary, Refinery and Standard Silver Dollar Expense Accounts with Abstracts and Vouchers for the month ending March 31, 1883.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

F. H. Robinson, Esq.
Morrison Ill.

May 12, 1883.

Sir;

Your letter of the 9th inst is received and contents noted. I have referred it, and the Circular enclosed, to the Chief of the Secut Service of the Treasury Department.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicks.

Mrs. L. P. Wayne.
New Orleans.
Louisiana.

May 12, 1883.

Madam;

Your letter of the 8th instant containing an offer to sell to this office a collection of old coins has been received. In reply I would say that this Bureau is not authorized to buy, nor does it keep on hand any collection of coins valuable only as a matter of curiosity.

I have referred your letter to the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint, who is charged with authority to procure such coins for the Cabinet of that Institution as he may deem proper.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicks.

Telegram.

Supt. Mint.
New Orleans.

May 14, 1883.

Can you start immediately for Washington as requested in my letter of the 11th, or how soon.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Quicks.

Supt. Mint.

May 14, 1883.

Carson.

Sir:

The coins received at your Mint during the month of April and forwarded to this office for special assay have been received viz:

1 Double Eagle	\$ <u>20.00</u>
3 St. Silver Dollars	<u>3.00</u>
Total Value	<u>23.00</u>

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Puchard,
Director.

Similar letter except in amounts addressed to,

Supt. Mint

San Francisco Cal.

3 Double Eagles	\$ <u>60.00</u>
4 Eagles	<u>40.00</u>
7 St. Silver Dollars	<u>7.00</u>
Total Value	<u>\$ 107.00</u>

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Puchard,
Director.

Assayer in Charge.

May 14, 1883.

Helena. Mont.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Account with abstracts and vouchers for the month ending April 30, 1883.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Puchard.

Director.

Messrs Merchant & Co.

May 14, 1883.

525 Arch Street.

Philadelphia.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of the 12th instant I have to say that at present we have no requisition from the Mints for spelter.

As it is only used at the San Francisco Mint it has been found that the Butcha spelter can be purchased cheaper in that city than we can purchase it and ship it from the east; therefore, and so long as that is the case, our purchases will be made there.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint

May 14, 1883

New Orleans.

Sir:

I return herewith Form 231, A May 3rd. For correction. The balance in gold coin is stated to be \$34,694.47. As you can have no such sum as forty-seven cents in gold coin the amount in such coin must be an even sum, and should agree in every respect with the amount you actually have on hand.

Then again you have charged as paid in gold coin, twenty-eight cents; this should be included under the head of "Silver Coin" as "Paid in change on Gold Deposits".

In your balance of silver dollars on hand you have the odd sum of nine cents. Hereafter you can enter this sum as "In change".

Again you include in this balance of silver dollars on hand \$25,000 in gold, which should form a part of the gold coin on hand, and \$18,000 in currency. The latter you will carry as a separate item in the Gold Coin Account until a transfer is made to the Treasury, which I have requested. All gold coin received in exchange for silver.

simply increases the amount of gold coin to that extent.

Under the head of "Denomination and Character of funds on hand" you should make a detailed statement of the coin belonging to the Bullion Accounts, and also as to the character of the funds on hand belonging to the Ordinary and other Expense Accounts.

As stated in my letter of the 9th instant, the object of this form is to show at all times the exact denomination of the moneys on hand, and I will thank you to instruct the Cashier to make up these statements in that manner.

Very respectfully,
Amatis C. Burchard.
Quicks.

Supt. Mint

May 14, 1883.

New Orleans.

Sir;

On the 29th of January last the "Register of Deposits for the fourth quarter 1882" was returned to you that the Miller and Refiner might make the notes therein as required by the Regulations, pages 4, and 5.

The Register has not been returned to this Office. I will thank you to see that the same is forwarded as early as practicable; also the Register for the quarter ended March 31.

Very respectfully,
Amatis C. Burchard.
Quicks.

John M. Reesler, Esq.

May 14, 1883.

Manheim.

Lancaster Co. Penn.

Sir;

Your letter of the 10th instant, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, requesting to be informed of the

value of English note money of the 1st of October 1773" has been referred to this Office.

From your description of the note I presume it is of the currency of the country while still an English Colony, and has no value now except as a curiosity.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

A. U. Wyman, Esq.

May 14, 1883.

Treasurer of the United States.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge your reference of a letter of J. Riviere Secretary of the St. Charles Street Railroad Company of New Orleans, making inquiry if he could have mutilated nickel coins redeemed at any of the Mints, and in reply have to say that the authority to redeem the coins in question is not given to the Mints by Section 3529 R. S., but only to the Treasurer and Assistant Treasurers, under rules prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury.

Mutilated minor coins can therefore only be redeemed for redemption from the Treasurer and the loss on the same paid from the appropriation for that purpose.

The letter of Mr Riviere is returned herewith.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office.

May 15, 1883.

New York.

Sir:

I will thank you to prepare and forward to this Office as early as practicable the form of advertisement to be inserted in two papers inviting proposals for the supplies required for your Office during the fiscal year 1884, in order that the necessary authority may be

procured from the Secretary of the Treasury for the publication
of the same.

Very respectfully,

Amalie C. Burchard,

Quincy.

Similar letter addressed to,

Supt. Mint.

New Orleans, La.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Emile de Laveleye,

15th Mai 1883

Luxembourg.

Monsieur,

Votre lettre du 28 Avril est reçue, et il me
fait le plus grand plaisir de vous envoyer les rapports
pour l'années 1881 et 1882. Ma rapport spécial sur
la production des métaux précieux dans les États
Unis, du 1882 n'est pas encore publié; quand
j'imprimerai cette rapport il me ferait plaisir de vous
aussi transmettre une copie. Je vous remercie pour
le petit conte que vous avez eu l'obligeance de
m'envoyer, mais qu'il n'est pas encore arrivé.

Agissez, Monsieur, l'expression de mes senti-
ments les plus distingués.

Amalie C. Burchard,

Le Directeur.

Supt. Mint.

May 15, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

I have received your letter of the 14th instant in regard
to copper, and in reply have to state that when the
exigencies of the public service are such as to require the
immediate delivery of supplies they can be purchased
without advertising. Should you require copper for im-
mediate use, and there is not sufficient time to ad-
vertise for proposals, you would be justified in

purchasing the same, at a reasonable rate, from any party who would furnish it of a quality that would be suitable in every respect for the purposes for which it is required.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Supt. Mint.

May 15, 1883.

San Francisco.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary, Refinery and Standard Silver Dollar Expense Accounts with Abstracts and Vouchers for the month ending April 30th 1883.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Wm R. Barker, Esq.

May 16, 1883.

131 C. 60th Street.

New York City.

Sir:

The following reports of the Director of the Mint have been mailed to you this day, as requested in your letter of the 14th inst. viz:

Report on Production of Precious Metals for the years 1880 and 1881. The report for the year 1882, is under preparation.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Supt. Mint.

May 16. 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

I have received your letter of the 12th instant enclosing Statement showing the denominations and kinds of coin composing the \$ 53,416.02 in minor coin shown to be on hand by the Cashier's balance sheet of your Mint for May 10th.

As it is desirable that all uncurrent or mutilated coin should be redeemed while there is an appropriation available to pay the loss on the same, I have to request that you will proceed to coin up all the uncurrent and mutilated minor coin in both the "Redemption" and Exchange" Accounts, in order that the loss may be determined and paid for from the appropriation made by Congress for that purpose.

If it is necessary to employ extra force or to work over time to accomplish this result you are authorized to do so.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Bruchard.

Clerk.

Hon. Chas. J. Folger.

May 16. 1883.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir;

I have the honor to request that you will instruct the Collector of the Port of Philadelphia to admit free of duty an Assay Balance and Weights for the use of the U. S. Mint at Carson, Nevada imported by Messrs. Bullock and Crenshaw of Philadelphia, per steamer "British Crown" from Liverpool.

In ordering the Balance and Weights from Messrs Bullock and Crenshaw it was the understanding that application would be made to you for the admission of the same free of duty, hence the price charged was less

than other metal.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burdard.

Director.

R. R. Hutchinson, Esq.

St. Louis, Mo.

May 15, 1883.

Sir,

Your letter of the 12th instant addressed to the Manager of the Philadelphia Mint has been referred by the Superintendent of that Mint to me. I enclose you copy of the Instructions and Regulations governing the Mints and Assay Offices, which contains the provisions of the law relating to the legal tender character of the coins of the United States.

On page 44 Section 3565 R. S. you will see that United States gold coins are legal tender in all payments at their nominal value when not below the standard weight and limit of tolerance provided by law for the single piece, and when ^{below} the legal weight, at a valuation proportional to their actual weight.

On page 30, by Section 3505, United States gold coins must be received in payment at the United States Treasury and its Offices at their nominal value when not reduced in weight by natural abrasion not more than one half of one per centum below the standard, after circulation of twenty years and at a rateable proportion for any less period.

On page 36, Section 3535 allows a deviation from the standard weight of one half grain in the double-eagle and eagle and one fourth grain in the other United States gold coins.

The standard weight of these coins is prescribed by Section 3511, page 31.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burdard. Director.

First Auditor.

May 16. 1883.

Treasury Department.

Sir;

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Refining, and Standard Silver Dollar Expense accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia for the month ending March 31. 1883. rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Mr. Augustus Baes, Esq.

May 16. 1883.

New York City.

Sir;

Your postal of the 14th instant in regard to a complete set of U. S. cents has been referred to me and I have referred the same to the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint, who will give you the desired information.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

May 16. 1883.

Carson City.

Sir;

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary, Refining and Standard Silver Dollar Accounts with Abstracts and Vouchers for the month ending April 30th 1883.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Messrs. Olague, Haysman, Schlicht & Co.
Rochester, N. Y.

May 16. 1883.

Gentlemen:

I have received your letter of the 13th instant in reference to Index Books, and in reply would say that I have decided to accept your offer to furnish two books - one for "letters sent" and one for "letters received" - at fifty-four dollars each, as per the form submitted by Mr. Judson; and I will thank you to manufacture and forward the same to this Office as early as practicable, transmitting your account receipted in duplicate.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

May 16. 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary, Refinery and Standard Silver Dollar Expense Accounts for the month ending March 31st. 1883. with my approval.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

May 16. 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

Your report made on the 14th instant of the subdivisions of the Bullion Fund at the close of business on the 12th instant states the amount of silver bullion to be \$597,780.61. I cannot think this is correct, for the reason that in your report at the close of business on Wednesday, May 9th, you gave the balance of silver bullion purchased for coinage of silver dollars on hand as 1,203,962 fine ounces, all of

which constituted a part of, and belonged to, the Bullion Fund account. I will thank you for an explanation of the discrepancy. Of course the difference in dates would not admit of so large a quantity of silver bullion to have been used as to reduce the amount on hand to \$597,780.61 in value.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

May 16, 1883.

San Francisco.

Sir;

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon special assay coins taken from the first deliveries in each week at your Mint during the month of March 1883, and forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Telegram.

Anglo Californian Bank

May 17, 1883.

San Francisco, Cal.

Your offer declined.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed

Director.

Telegram.

Boston and Colorado Smelting Company.

May 17, 1883.

Denver, Colo.

Your offer accepted for Philadelphia at one hundred and eighty seven hundredths cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Director.

Telegram. Supt. Mint. May 17, 1883.

Carson City, Nevada.

Offers of Tobinier and Bryson accepted.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Quictor. ✓

Telegram. Nandy & Cronie May 17, 1883.

24 Nassau Street.

New York.

Your offers for Philadelphia and New Orleans accepted.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Quictor. ✓

Telegram. Supt. Mint. May 17, 1883.

New Orleans.

✓ Receive from Nandy & Cronie one hundred and twenty thousand ounces at one hundred nine and eighty-nine hundredths cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Quictor. ✓

Telegram. J & W. Seligman & Co May 17, 1883.

New York.

Your offers accepted.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Quictor. ✓

Messrs Bullock and Grenshaw. May 17, 1883.

528 Arch Street.

Philadelphia.

Gentlemen,

✓ I am informed by the Secretary of the Treasury that he has directed the Collector of the Port of Philadelphia to admit free of duties and charges the Cutley Balance and Hught's imported by you for the use of the U.S. Mint at Carson Nevada.

Very respectfully Horatio C. Burchard. Quictor.

Supt. Mint.

May 17, 1883.

Carson.

Sir;

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

3000 Memoranda of Silver Metals #235.

Very respectfully

Horatio C. Burghard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

May 17, 1883.

Carson.

Sir;

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon special assay coins taken from the first deliveries in each week at your Mint during the month of March 1883 and forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burghard.

Director.

Assayer in Charge

May 17, 1883.

Denver, Mint.

Sir;

I transmit herewith for payment from your appropriation for Contingent Expenses for the current fiscal year an account of John A. Taylor, receipted in duplicate for \$345.60 for Crucibles, Black Lead Stirrers, Covers and Jackets delivered to Major H. B. Hughes, Quartermaster U. S. A. for shipment to your Mint. Please remit Mr Taylor a draft for the amount.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burghard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

May 17. 1883

New Orleans La.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Account with Abstracts and Vouchers for the month ending April 30th 1883.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burghard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

May 17. 1883.

New Orleans.

Sir:

Your attention is respectfully invited to the letter of this Office of the 13th ultimo in reference to the claim of Reno and Mc Carr for work done and materials furnished your Mint, no report having been received from you in reference to the same, I have to request that you will give the matter your attention at an early day.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burghard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

May 17. 1883.

Philadelphia. Pa.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day at the Department by the Secretary of the Treasury for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for, as may be required, either in silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York payable in silver dollars, to wit: of-

Wendy & Cronce	130,000	ounces.	at	\$1.0989.
G & W. Seligman & Co	30,000	" "		1.0985
" " " "	30,000	" "		1.0988
Boston & Cold. Smelting Co.	30,000	" "		1.0987.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burghard. *Quida.*

J. Arthur Philips Esq.
London England

May 17, 1883.

Sir;

As the request of Mr B. Silliman of the Medical Department of Yale College, I send you by to-days mail copy of my Annual report for 1882, and also copy of my Special report upon the production of the precious metals for the year 1881.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

B. Silliman Esq.
New Haven, Conn.

May 17, 1883.

Sir;

In compliance with your request I have this day forwarded to Mr J. A. Philips in London England, one copy each of my Reports, Annual and Special for the years 1882 and 1881.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

P. S.

Your request came during my absence.

John A. Taylor Esq.
Cor 19th and Callovshiel Streets.
Philadelphia.

May 17, 1883.

Sir;

I have this day transmitted to the Receiver in Charge your account for crucibles, Black Lead Stairs, Cores and Jackets delivered to Major H. B. Hughes Quartermaster U. S. A. for shipment to the U. S. Mint at Denver, Colorado, with the request that a draft for the amount \$345.50 be remitted you.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Messrs. Bullock & Crenshaw,

May 18, 1883

528 Arch Street,

Philadelphia

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of the 17th instant, I have to request that you will ship the Assay Balance and Weights direct to the U. S. Mint at Carson, Nevada, by express, transmitting your account, receipted in duplicate with the receipt of the Express Company attached, to this Office.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Assayer in Charge.

May 18, 1883.

Denver.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

1000 Assayer's Reports on Gold Bullion deposited. No. 39. B.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Hagan and Billing

May 18, 1883.

New York.

Sir:

In compliance with your request of the 17th instant, I forwarded you by to days mail copies of my Annual Report from 1875 to 1882 inclusive, and of my Special Report upon the production of the precious metals from 1880 to 1881 inclusive. The Annual Reports previous to the year 1875 being exhausted, and their being no Special Report issued previous to 1880.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Munit.

May 18, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 17th instant in reference to the item of \$897.780.61 reported in your statement of the 14th instant as the balance of silver bullion on hand at the close of business on the 12th instant.

As all silver bullion purchased for coinage is paid for from the Bullion Fund it follows that all such bullion on hand constitutes a part of that fund, the profits only being declared upon the actual amount coined, and the silver profits undeposited would form a part of the silver dollars on hand; so that the amount of coin would belong in part to the Bullion Fund, and the balance to the Silver Profit Fund.

You will therefore please correct your statement so as to show the exact cost of the silver bullion on hand, and available for coinage, and will include in your statement of the approximate condition of the Bullion Fund the silver dollars which actually belonged to the same.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Munit.

May 18, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

Hon J. Warren Kieffer, late speaker of the House of Representatives, encloses one dollar and requests the coins desired to be sent to him at Springfield Ohio.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard

Supt. Mint.

May 18. 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

✓ 200 Pay rolls of Workmen No 48 which takes the place of old form No 3.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Messrs Reno and McComb.

May 18. 1883.

227 South Front Street.

New Orleans.

Gentlemen:

✓ Your letter of the 10th inst. to the Secretary of the Treasury in reference to your claim for work done and materials furnished the U. S. Mint at New Orleans, has been referred to this Office, and in reply I have to state that I have called upon Superintendent Smyth for a report; when received, such action will be taken by this Office as may be deemed proper.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Hon Chas. J. Folger.

May 18. 1883.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

✓ I have the honor to transmit herewith statement and memorandums showing the total value of uncurrent silver coin transferred to the Mint at Philadelphia from the various Assistant Treasurers of the United States for recoinage, from which it appears that the total value was \$34,854.77 and the Mint value \$33,123.47 showing a loss on recoinage of one thousand seven hundred and thirty one dollars and thirty cents (\$1,731.30), for which

Sum the Treasurer of the United States should be reimbursed.

Very respectfully,
 Coralie C. Burdick.
 Quicks.

Supt. Mint.

May 19, 1883.

Carson.

Sir,

C. I. No 904 for \$2,581.87 being on account of parting and refining charges in April, 1883, enclosed in your communication of the 4th instant has been received, properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for "Parting & Refining Bullion".

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Quicks. ✓

Supt. Mint.

May 19, 1883.

Carson.

Sir,

C. I. No 905 for \$14.28 being on account of charges other than "Parting & Refining" enclosed in your communication of the 4th instant, has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Quicks. ✓

Supt. Mint.

May 19, 1883.

New Orleans.

Sir,

Referring to your letter of the 5th instant in relation to the balance to the credit of the appropriation for Wages of Workmen at your Mint for the current fiscal year, which you say at that time amounted to \$4,684.17, I have to inform you that the correct balance at that date was \$4,685.36, of which \$2,684.17 was advanced you on the 8th instant.

Leaving to the credit of the appropriation for Wages of Workmen at your Mint for the current fiscal year, the sum of \$2,001.19.

In forwarding your requisition for the month of June you will please make requisition for this amount for Wages, and any sum which may be necessary to complete the payment of the workmen for the year you will request in a separate letter.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

May 19, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th instant, transmitting statement of silver purchased at your Mint from the 1st to 15th instant.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

May 19, 1883.

San Francisco.

Sir,

C. D. No 909 for \$86.80, being on account of melting charges enclosed in your communication of the 4th instant has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded

to the Secretary of the Treasury personal credit
to be given you in your bullion accounts and the amount to
be covered into the Treasury as a "miscellaneous receipt"

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Quiclor.

Supt. Mint.

May 19, 1883.

San Francisco.

Sir,

C. I. No 910 for \$ 161.35, being on account of alloy charges
enclosed in your communication of the 4th instant has been
received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of
the Treasury personal credit to be given you in your bullion
accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury
as a miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Quiclor.

Supt. Mint.

May 19, 1883

San Francisco.

Sir,

C. I. No 911 for \$ 13,797.32 being on account of refinery charges
enclosed in your communication of the 4th instant has been re-
ceived, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the
Treasury personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts
and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of
the appropriation for "Parting Refining bullion"

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Quiclor.

Hon Chas. F. Folger,
Secretary of the Treasury
Sir:

May 19, 1883.

Referring to the letter of this Office of November 18, 1882 transmitting memorandums covering the loss upon \$298.502 in silver five cent pieces and \$6.419.15 in foreign coins and mutilated silver dollars in recoinage, and in which it was stated that the loss on the former was \$13.231.75, while the gain on the latter was \$508.84 which was deducted from the loss on the recoinage of the five cent pieces, and it appearing that this gain was upon a different character of silver coins, the amount should be deposited in the Treasury as a "miscellaneous receipt."

In order that this may be done, I have now the honor to request that you will cause an account to be stated in favor of the Treasurer for this sum \$508.84 to reimburse him, in part, for the loss on the recoinage of \$298.502 in silver five cent pieces not hitherto paid.

Very respectfully

R. C. Preston.

Acting Auditor.

William Nelson Esq.
Editor Daily Tribune
Salt Lake Utah.

May 19, 1883.

Sir:

Your ^{letter} of the 10th instant requesting to be furnished with the amount of production of gold and silver annually in each state and Territory since their discovery has been received.

I regret that I am unable to furnish you with this information, or to refer you to any public document containing the same.

In the early days of mining in this country but little attention was given to procuring statistics of production, and estimates are to a considerable extent imperfect for the reason that a large proportion of the total yield was the result of individual operations. The report of R. W. Raymond

formerly the Commissioner of Mining Statistics contains the production for each year from 1868 to 1876. The supply of these reports has long since been exhausted.

I send you by current mail a copy of the Director's report for 1880, containing on P. 311 an estimate of the total production of California.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Telegram. Supt. Mint.

May 21, 1883.

New Orleans.

It is not necessary for you to start before Wednesday.

Horatio C. Burdick.

Director.

Messrs. Bullock and Greenhaw.

May 21, 1883.

528 Arch Street.

Philadelphia.

Gentlemen:

I have this day transmitted to the Superintendent of the Mint your account for an Oetting Assay Balance and Weights forwarded to the U. S. Mint at Carson, Nevada, by express, with the request that a draft for the amount, \$149.04 be permitted you.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burdick.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

May 21st 1883.

Carson.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for payment from your appropriation for Contingent Expenses for the current fiscal year an account of Messrs Bullock and Greenhaw of Philadelphia, for an Oetting Assay Balance and Weights, forwarded to your Mint by express. You

will please permit Bullock and Crenshaw a draft for the amount, \$149.04.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Fred. J. Cross.

May 21, 1883.

Bainy Oak, Tex.

Dear Sir,

Inadvertently your letter of the 27th March was overlooked. I received it just before leaving for Freeport and placed it among my personal letters for answer.

I will request the Superintendent of the Geological Survey to send you the report you desire, and I will also forward you copy of my report as soon as they are received from the printer.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Jeremiah Colburn.

May 21, 1883

18 Somerset St. Boston.

Sir,

Your bill of the 1st of July, 1882, for subscription for vol. 17 American Journal of Numismatics purchased for the use of this Bureau, amounting to \$2. - has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Assayer in Charge
Denver.

May 21, 1883.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the authority of the Secretary of the Treasury for you to advertise for proposals for charcoal and coal in the Daily Tribune, of Denver, Colorado, ten (10) times.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard.
Director.

Dewey & Co.

May 21, 1883.

252 Market St.
San Francisco.

Gentlemen.

Your bill of the 17th ultimo for one years subscription to "Mining & Scientific Press" from March, 1883, purchased for the use of this Bureau, amounting to \$ 4.- has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officials of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard.
Director.

Messrs. Orr, Reed & Morgan.

May 21, 1883.

1219 Calhoun St.
Philadelphia.

Gentlemen.

I will thank you to manufacture for the beam of the Ajax Rolling Press of the Carson Mint two (2) pieces - one upper and one lower - and forward the same as early as practicable, transmitting your account, receipted in duplicate, to this Office for settlement. I enclose herewith for

your information copy of a letter received from the Superintendent of the Carson Mint.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burckard,

Director.

J. Van Nostrand,

May 21, 1883,

New York.

Sir,

Please send me by express Dr A. S. Grellet's "Tables of Calculus" for multiplying and dividing (Dr C. Preminger, Berlin, 1869.) which I examined in your store last Saturday while in New York.

Forward to this office Bill in duplicate which will be paid as soon as it can be audited in the course of current business, and a warrant drawn for the amount.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burckard,

Director.

Supt. Mint.

May 21, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir,

I will thank you to inform me how many five-cent pieces of the old design were struck and issued in 1883, and also the number of the new design without the word "cents".

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burckard,

Director.

Hon Chas. J. Folger,

May 21, 1883.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the Assay Office at Charlotte N.C. to that of the Mint at Philadelphia, Pa. of the sum of

Two thousand Three hundred and Twenty-nine ²³/₁₀₀ Dollars,
 (\$ 2329.03) in Gold Coin, and Thirty-three ²⁷/₁₀₀ Dollars, (\$ 33.07)
 in silver coin, making a total of Two thousand Three hundred
 and thirty-five ¹⁰/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$ 2362.10) being the net value of
 Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of
 the United States Assay Office at Charlotte for coinage as
 shown by Memorandum No 838, dated May 16, 1883 of Gold
 Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,

Nathan C. Burckhard.

Director. ✓

Hon Chas J. Folger.

May 21, 1883.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir;

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from
 the Bullion Fund of the Assay Office at Charlotte N.C. to that
 of the Mint at Philadelphia. Part of the sum of Two thousand
 Eight hundred and thirty-two ⁹⁶/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$ 2862.96) in Gold
 Coin, and Seventeen ⁵⁵/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$ 17.55) in silver coin, making
 a total of Two thousand Eight hundred and Eighty ⁵¹/₁₀₀ Dollars,
 (\$ 2880.51) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forward-
 ed by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office
 at Charlotte, for coinage as shown by Memorandum No. 847,
 dated May 17, 1883. of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,

Nathan C. Burckhard.

Director. ✓

R. C. Stone Esq.

May 21, 1883.

New York City.

Dear Sir;

Your letter of the 16 inst and accompanying enclosure
 is received. I should be glad to send you the copy of
 special report for 1882, if it were printed, but it has
 not yet been published. When it is received from

the printer, I will forward you a copy.

Very respectfully
Horatio E. Puchard.
Director.

Carl Schultz.
Savannah Ga.

May 21, 1883.

Dear Sir;

In reply to your request for information in regard to the number of five cent nickels of the new issue, struck without the word "cents" upon them.

I have to say that there were about three millions of such coins put into circulation.

Very respectfully,
Horatio E. Puchard.
Director.

B. F. Stevens.
4 Trafalgar Square.
London.

May 21, 1883.

Sir;

I transmit herewith a bill of exchange, drawn by Messrs. Riggs & Co. of this city, on Messrs. J. B. Morgan & Co. of London, in your favor for two pounds (£2.) in payment of the subscription of this Office to "L'Economiste Francais" from January 1st to December 31st 1883.

You will please renew the subscription to the "Journal des Economistes" on its expiration.

Very respectfully,
Horatio E. Puchard.
Director.

T. O. Tonles.

May 21. 1883.

Jefferson City, Mo.
Dear Sir;

Your request for six copies of my report upon the production of the precious metals has been received, and I forward by to day's mail the reports to your address for 1880 and 1881.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

P. S.

I send six of each.

T. Whitehart

May 21. 1883.

New York.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of April 14th requesting copies of my report upon the production of the precious metals for the year 1882, is received.

In reply I have to say that the report for that year is not yet printed. I have instructed your name to be placed upon the list of those to whom the report is to be forwarded which will be mailed you as soon as issued.

Very respectfully

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

May 19. 1883.

San Francisco.

Sir;

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your quarterly statement of Receipts and Expenditures for the quarter ended March 31. 1883.

Very respectfully, R. C. Preston. Acting Director.

Similar letter addressed toSupt. Mint.Philadelphia.

Supt. Mint.

May 22, 1888

Carson.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 10th instant, in which you state that the appropriation for salaries at your Mint for the current fiscal year will not be sufficient by the sum of \$4.56 to complete the payments of the salaries of the officers and clerks for the year and that the entire amount advanced you from the appropriation for Wages of Workmen has been expended. I have to state that it will be necessary for you to retain in the appropriation for Wages of Workmen the sum of \$4.56 as it cannot be transferred back to the appropriation for salaries from any other appropriation than that to which it was originally carried.

In order to enable you to do so, I return herewith the pay rolls of the Melt and Refine's Department of your Mint for the month of April, forwarded with your Ordinary and Standard Silver Dollar Expense Accounts, with instructions for you to reduce the amount paid one of the workmen on the regular rolls - say Earnest Harris, Helper, by paying him for a portion of the month on the Standard Silver Dollar roll, say for four or five days.

This will leave a balance in your hands of the appropriation for Wages of Workmen, and of that balance you will please deposit with the Assistant Treasurer at San Francisco the sum of \$4.56, as a repayment to the appropriation for Wages of Workmen at your Mint for the current fiscal year and forward the certificate to this Office as soon as possible. I return herewith the abstracts of disbursements and "accounts current" belonging to your Ordinary and Standard Silver Dollar Expense Accounts for the month of April for correction as indicated above.

Very respectfully,

Horatio E. Burchard.

Director.

C. W. Gochenour, Esq.
Lancaster Pa.

May 22, 1883.

Sir:

In compliance with your request of the 21st instant. I forward you by to-days mail copy of my last Annual Report in which you will find the information desired.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Assayer in Charge.
Helena.

May 22, 1883.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, payment to be made from the appropriation for collecting Mining Statistics for the current fiscal year, a bill of John W. Cuddy for services as per your contract with him, amounting to \$225.

In the course of two weeks a draft for the amount will be mailed you.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Supt. Assay Office.
New York.

May 22, 1883.

Sir:

Your letter of the 21st instant, enclosing statement of the deliveries of Bullion by the Minter and Refiner to the Superintendent in settlement, which was completed in my presence on the 19th instant, is received, and is satisfactory. I congratulate you that there appears to have been no wastage in gold or silver but on the contrary an unusual surplus especially in gold.

Very respectfully, Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

See Copy in file found in Mining Paper Copy Book P. 189

Wm Chas. J. Folger
Secretary of the Treasury.

May 22, 1883.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint, Denver, Colorado to that of the mint at Philadelphia, Pa. of the sum of Thirty seven Thousand and Seventy ⁸⁴/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$37,070.84); in gold coin, and Four hundred and Thirty ⁴⁶/₁₀₀ Dollars, (\$430.46,) in Silver Coin, making a total of Thirty seven Thousand Two Hundred ⁹⁵/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$37,500.95,) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Mint at Denver for coinage as shown by Memorandum No 851 dated May 17th 1883 of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

M. F. Rouzans.
New Orleans. Mint.

May 23, 1883.

Sir:

I have received the communication and enclosures relating to the conduct of Mr Petit Keenan the weigh clerk to which I will call the attention of the Superintendent of the Mint. No employe or other person should be permitted to interfere with an officer of the Mint or to call him to account for the discharge of his official duties.

I have not received the Register of Deposits nor the official entries to which the weigh clerk took exception; but I cannot conceive that the latter will show any excuse or justification for his assault as stated by you.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

Messrs. Merchant & Son.

May 23. 1883.

525 Arch Street.

Philadelphia.

Gentlemen

Referring to your letter of the 19th instant I would state that if any requisitions are received from the San Francisco Mint for spelter you will be afforded an opportunity to make an offer to supply the same.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

May 23. 1883.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir;

Enclosed herewith find Two Dollars for which I will thank you to return to this office like amount in five cent pieces of the design without the word "cents".

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

May 23. 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

I transmit herewith the Assayers report upon the special assay coins taken from two deliveries in each week at your Mint during the month of March, 1883, and forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance. Please cause the number of the deliveries from which the coins are taken to be placed upon the envelopes in which they are forwarded to this Office.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

May 23. 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

I have received your letter of the 21st instant, in reply to mine of the 18th, in regard to the subdivision of the Bullion Fund of your Mint, and in reply I would call your attention to Section 3545, R. S. which provides that "For the purpose of enabling the mints and the assay office in New York to make returns to depositors with as little delay as possible, it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Treasury to keep in such mints and assay office, when the state of the Treasury will admit thereof, such an amount of public money, or bullion procured for the purpose, as he shall judge convenient and necessary, out of which those who bring bullion to the said mints and assay office may be paid the value thereof, in coin or bars, as soon as practicable after the value has been ascertained. On payment thereof being made, the bullion so deposited shall become the property of the United States. The Secretary of the Treasury may, however, at any time withdraw the fund, or any portion thereof," — from which it will be seen that the Bullion Fund is composed of moneys which have actually been deposited in the Treasury and with which the Treasurer has been debited on the books of the Department and is held accountable for, and you will further observe that he cannot withdraw this amount, or any portion of the Bullion Fund, except upon the order of the Secretary of the Treasury.

The Secretary of the Treasury has decided that upon the receipt from an Assistant Treasurer of the United States of an original certificate of deposit on account of standard silver dollars, giving the name and address of the party or parties to whom the coin is to be sent, the Superintendent of the Mint in the same city as the Assistant Treasurer receiving the certificate shall ship a like amount

of standard silver dollars, and that the amount shall be treated as a transfer of funds from the Bullion Fund.

In case a transfer order should be drawn against your Bullion Fund payable in coin, for which you had not the coin on hand in that fund to pay, it would be your duty to notify the Treasurer of that fact.

In case the Treasurer should draw and you should pay coin in excess of the amount in the Bullion Fund, you would not have, when called upon to deposit the profits, the coin on hand.

I have no suggestions in reference to the returns you should make to the Treasurer of the United States, as that is a matter of coming between you, but I am clearly of the opinion that the statements made both to the Treasurer and this Office should agree, so that neither you nor I may be called upon to make explanations of any differences between them.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Supt. Mint.

May 23, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

In reply to your letter of the 23rd instant respecting certain books ordered for your Mint I have to state that the Public Printer has been requested to hasten the completion of the same and they will doubtless be mailed you at an early day.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Minit.

Philadelphia.

May 23. 1883.

Sir;

I transmit herewith for payment from your appropriation for Contingent Expenses for the current fiscal year an account of "The North American" for advertising for proposals for nickel, amounting to \$10.50 and approved by the Secretary of the Treasury.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Purchar.

Director.

Supt. Minit.

San Francisco.

May 23. 1883.

Sir;

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Bulletin Accounts with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the quarter ending March 31st, 1883.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Purchar.

Director.

Supt. Minit.

San Francisco.

May 23. 1883.

Sir;

Referring to your Daily Statement (Form 231A), of Receipts and Payments and Balances in the hands of the Cashier belonging to the Bulletin, Ordinary and other Expense Accounts of May 15th your attention is respectfully called to the entry under "Gold coin and bars" of \$110.35 "Received in exchange for silver coin". As you could not exchange thirty-five cents in gold coin for silver, the thirty-five cents should simply be entered as "Change on Gold Deposits", under the head of "Silver coin and bars". You have also included this amount of thirty-five cents as "Coin paid on Gold Deposits", which is incorrect.

Your attention is respectfully called to the fact that in stating the balance of silver coin and bars on hand you do not under that head give the balance in bars on hand, but give the same under the head of "Denomination and character of funds on hand" It should appear under both heads.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

S. R. Gorton,

May 23, 1883.

P. O. Department.

Sir:

In compliance with your request of 22nd instant, I forward you by to day's mail copy of my report for the last fiscal year.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Telegram. Supt. Mint.

May 24, 1883.

New Orleans.

Receive from Handy & Cronise one hundred and thirty-five thous. and ounces at one hundred ten and twenty-seven hundredth cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed

Director.

Telegram. Handy & Cronise.

May 24, 1883.

24 Nassau Street.

Your offer of one hundred and thirty-five thousand ounces accepted for New Orleans and fifty thousand ounces accepted for Philadelphia.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Director.

Telegram. Supt. Mint. May 24, 1883.

San Francisco.

✓ Receive from Daniel Meyer twenty thousand ounces at one hundred and forty-eight hundredths cents per ounce fine.

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed.

For Director. ✓

Telegram. Boston & Colorado Smelting Company. May 24, 1883.

Denver, Colo.

✓ Your offer accepted for Philadelphia at one hundred ten and twenty-six hundredths cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Director. ✓

Telegram. Supt. Mint. May 24, 1883.

Carson.

Sir,

✓ Offers of Tobiner & Bryson accepted.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Director. ✓

Telegram. J. B. Waggin. May 24, 1883.

San Francisco.

✓ Your offer declined.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Director. ✓

Telegram. Daniel Meyer. May 24, 1883.

San Francisco, Cal.

✓ Your offer accepted.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Director. ✓

Telegram.

J & W. Seligman & Co.
New York.

May 24. 1883.

✓ Your offer accepted.

Confirmed.

Horatio C. Burckhard. Director.

C. A. Buckler, Esq.
San Francisco.

May. 1883.

Sir:

In compliance with your request of the 17th instant, I have this day requested the Commissioner of Agriculture to forward you this report upon Silk Culture in the United States, which is issued under his authority, and which is the only information I am able to procure for you upon this subject.

By writing to the "Minister of Agriculture" of France, Spain, Germany, and Belgium, you may obtain especially valuable information - certainly from France.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burckhard.

Director

Supt. Mint.

May 24. 1883.

Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

I transmit herewith copy of letter received from Messrs Orr, Hess, and Morgan relative to the pair of shoes required for the beam on the Apai Pass at your Mint.

I will thank you to inform me by telegraph upon the receipt of the same, whether you desire the shoes all finished, or not, as suggested in the letter of Messrs Orr, Hess and Morgan.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burckhard.

Director.

Hon Commr of Agriculture.
Washington, D. C.

May 24, 1883.

Sir,

Will you please forward to Mr C. A. Buckler at San Francisco, Cal. (care U.S. Mint.) such printed information upon silk culture in the United States as may have been published under authority of your Department, and oblige.

Very respectfully.

Yours.

Horatio C. Birchard.

Moses King Esq.
Publisher of Science.
Cambridge Mass

May 24, 1883.

Sir,

I return herewith your account for subscription to volume I of Science amounting to \$5. the same having been paid by draft in your favor on Assistant Treasurer at Boston March 22, 1883. If you will examine my letter of February 27th last you observe that only one copy was ordered and for this, payment has been made you as above stated.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Birchard.

Director.

Silk Association.
Paterson N. J.

May 24, 1883.

Sir,

Will you please forward to Mr C. A. Buckler at San Francisco, Cal. (Care U.S. Mint) your reports upon the production and culture of silk in the United States.

He has recently been appointed President of the "State Board of Silk Culture" of California, and any information you can give him upon this industry will be duly appreciated.

by him, and others, ^{of that State} interested in the culture and growth
of silk.

Very respectfully,

Yours,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Supt. Mint.

May 24, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir,

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at
the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at
your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for
the amounts respectively named, which you will receive
and pay for, as may be preferred, either in silver dollars
or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable
in silver dollars, to wit, of -

Boston & Colorado Smelting Company 30,000 ounces at \$ 110.26

J & W. Seligman & Co 25,000 " " \$ 110.27

25,000 " " \$ 110.26

Handy & Cronise 50,000 " " \$ 110.27

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Telegram.

Supt. Mint

May 25, 1883.

San Francisco.

Authority to advertise for proposals for supplies will be mailed
you to day.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Director.

Messrs Orr, Hess, and Morgan.

May 25, 1883.

Philadelphia

Sir,

Before answering definitely your letter of the 22nd instant
in reference to the shoes for the Ajax Binding Press at the

Carson City Mint, it is necessary for me to communicate with the Superintendent thereof, which I have done directing him to reply to my inquiry by telegraph.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burdard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

May 25, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be deposited in your name in the Treasury the sum of \$371,110.98 the net profit accruing on the coinage of silver dollars during the quarter ended December 31st. 1883. and that your bullion fund be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burdard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

May 25, 1883

Philadelphia.

Sir:

If your bullion accounts for the 1st quarter are ready, I will thank you to forward them immediately. But if they are not completed please forward by return mail a statement showing the balance to the credit of the Silver Profit Fund March 31st. 1883. in order that the same may be covered into the Treasury without further delay.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burdard.

Director.

Supt Mint,
Philadelphia.

May 25. 1888.

Sir,

Please forward to this Office a copy of the contract for supplying your Mint with mord.

I will also thank you to give me your opinion of the advisability of now advertising for Proposals to furnish mord to your Mint from January 1st to June 30th 1884, so as to make the contract for mord cover the same period as that for other supplies.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Purchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.,
Philadelphia

May 25. 1888.

Sir,

I have requested that the bullion fund of your Mint be increased by a transfer of One Million Silver Dollars (\$1,000,000) and that the same be placed to your credit with Assistant Treasurer W. S. at New York.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Purchard.

Director.

Hon Chas J. Folger,
Secretary of the Treasury.

May 25. 1888.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia be increased in the sum of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) by a transfer of that amount in Standard Silver Dollars, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of the said Mint with the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Purchard. Director.

Hon Charles J. Folger.
Secretary of the

May 25th 1883

Sir;

As the time has arrived to advertise for proposals for supplies required by the U. S. Mints at Philadelphia, San Francisco, New Orleans, and the U. S. Assay Office at New York, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1884, I have the honor to enclose herewith the forms of advertisements for which, I have to request that authority be granted to publish fifteen (15) times in not less than two (2) papers, as may be selected by you, in each of the cities wherein these institutions are located.

Very respectfully.

Horatio K. Burchard.

Director.

Hon Chas J. Folger.
Secretary of the Treasury.

May 25th 1883

Sir;

Acknowledging your reference under date of the 15th instant for report, a letter from Messrs Reno and McCann in reference to their bill for work done and supplies furnished the Minter and Refiner's Department of the New Orleans Mint, I have the honor to enclose herewith copy of a letter received by this Office from the Superintendent of the New Orleans Mint in regard to the account of Messrs Reno & McCann whose letter is returned herewith.

Very respectfully.

Horatio K. Burchard.

Director.

Hon Chas. J. Folger.
Secretary of the Treasury.

May 25th 1883.

Sir;

I have the honor to request that you will cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States in the name of A. London Snowden Superintendent Mint U. S. at Philadelphia

the sum of three hundred and seventy-one thousand, one hundred and ten ²⁸/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$371,110.98) being the net amount of profits accruing on the coinage of silver dollars for the quarter ended December 31st, 1882, and that the Bullion Fund of said Mint be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burdard.

Director.

Myrtle Skinner Esq.
Glasford Ill.

May 25, 1883.

Sir;

Your letter addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury has been referred to me for reply. I have to inform you that the Government does not purchase coins, nor does it pay any premium upon coins sent to the Mints for issue. As such list as the one referred to in your letter is published under authority of the Treasury Department.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burdard.

Director.

Julio Stuart Esq.
61 Wall Street,
New York.

May 25, 1883.

Sir;

In compliance with your request of the 24 instant, I forward you by to day's mail copy of my last report upon the production of the precious metals in the United States.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burdard.

Director.

Assayer in charge.

May 26, 1883.

Brice C. C. C.

Sir;

I have received your personal letter of the 18th instant stating that Mr Lingner informed you that I had promised him not to entertain any charges against you except that were submitted in writing, and in that case to transmit you a copy, and give you an opportunity to be heard, and requesting to know if this statement is substantially correct or not.

I do not recollect that I made any promise to Mr Lingner to that effect, but I stated to him that parties had made to me verbal statements charging you with neglecting your duty, and that I had informed them that they must make their charges in writing so that I could submit them to you, and give you an opportunity to answer them. Without any knowledge written complaints were subsequently filed in the appointment division of the Secretary's office with a request for the appointment of Mr Norman N. Camp in your place.

Supposing, as the Secretary informs me, that the statements were true, and without consulting me an order was issued suspending you from office, and appointing Mr Camp. I had no knowledge of it until the order had been issued. Subsequently, upon conversation with the Secretary, and calling his attention to what our official records show in regard to your absence from the office, he decided that the papers should be held, until further consideration could be given to the case.

Had it come to my knowledge that charges against you had been filed in the appointment office or were being considered by the Secretary, I should have asked the Secretary as a matter of justice to you, to inform you and await your reply before taking action upon them.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Puchard, Quicks.

Assayer in charge.
Boice City.

May 26, 1883.

Sir,

I will thank you to forward to this office notice of shipments of gold bullion to the San Francisco Mint, as none have been received since March 16th current year.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director. ✓

S. Lowell Elliot, Esq.
New York City.

May 26, 1883

Sir,

In compliance with your request of the 24 instant, I forward you by to-days mail copy of my Annual Report for the year 1882.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director. ✓

Jos McLean, Esq.
Central City, Col.

May 26, 1883.

Dear Sir,

In compliance with your request of the 11th inst, I forward you by to-days mail copies of my Special Report upon the production of gold and silver in the United States for the years 1880 and 1881; the report for 1882 has not yet been published.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director. ✓

Supt. U. S. Assay Office.
New York.

May 26, 1883.

Sir;

I transmit herewith a blank form which has been adopted for the coinage mints to report at the close of each month the balance of Bullion and coin belonging to the Bullion Accounts.

As it is desirable that you should submit a similar report at the close of each month, I will thank you to inform me whether you can use this form by simply crossing out such items as do not enter into your accounts or if you prefer, I will have a special form printed for your office.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burdard.

Director.

C. S. Nichols, Esq.
Tin Cup. Cal.

May 26, 1883.

Sir;

In compliance with your request of the 21st instant, I forward you by to days mail copy of my Special Report upon the production of the precious metals for 1881; the report for 1882 has not yet been printed.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burdard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.
Philadelphia.

May 26, 1883.

Sir;

Referring to your letter of the 25th instant in relation to the name of Charles R. Blackman, recently appointed a night Watchman in your Mint, I have to say that the correction has been made upon the

records of this office.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Bruchard,

Director.

Supt. Mint.

May 26, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir,

✓ Enclosed herewith find a mutilated 50 cent piece belonging to a deaf mute, for which please return bullion value to this office.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Bruchard,

Director.

George P. Rowell & Co

May 26, 1883.

Advertising Agent.

New York.

Sir,

✓ Please forward to this office one copy of American Newspaper Directory for 1883, transmitting your account for the same in duplicate for settlement.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Bruchard,

Director.

Thos. J. Rickman, Esq.

May 26, 1883.

Andersonville N.C.

Sir,

✓ Your letter of the 24 instant to the Treasurer of the U.S. has been referred to this office, and in reply I would state that mutilated gold and silver coins are not redeemed by the mint.

If you will forward the coins you have to the Assayer in charge of the U.S. Assay Office at Charlotte, N.C. I have no doubt that while he can legally

refuse to receive a deposit of less value than \$1.00.
 that he will give you the coming value less the charges
 for melting, Assaying and Stamping.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burckhard,

Director.

Supt. Mint.

May 26, 1883.

San Francisco.

Sir;

Enclosed herewith find authority for you to advertise, in the "Alta Californian" and "Bulletin" for Proposals to furnish supplies for your Mint, during the fiscal year ending June 30th 1884.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burckhard,

Director.

O. Van Nostrand, Esq.

May 26, 1883.

No 23 Murray St.

New York City.

Sir;

Your bill of the 22nd instant for One copy of "Crelles Tables" purchased for the use of this Office amounting to \$5.50 has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement. In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burckhard,

Director.

Supt. Mint

May 28, 1883.

New Orleans

The removal of Peter Kinnian and appointment of Thomas Deane as High Clerk are approved to take effect from this date.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Treas. Auditor

May 28, 1883.

Treasury Department.

Sir;

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Expense account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans for the month ending April 30th 1883, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Assayer in charge,

May 28, 1883.

Bosi, Lohj.

Sir;

C. D. No 854 for \$49.19 being on account of melting and assaying charges enclosed in your communication of the — has been received, properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be carried into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Press copy in Mint Press copy
book page 486.

Assayer in Charge,
Charlotte, N. C.

May 28, 1883.

Sir:

I have requested that the bullion fund of your Office be increased by a transfer of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) and that the same be placed to your credit with Assistant Treasurer U.S. at New York.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Supt. Mint.

May 28, 1883.

Carson.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 19th instant in relation to the charge imposed upon deposits for fine silver bars during the months of January and February 1883. I would say that the "fine bar charge" is only imposed on bullion not requiring parting or refining, consequently it could not be classed as a parting & refining charge and was properly carried into the Treasury as a miscellaneous earning. It will not be necessary to make any correction in your accounts in this case.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Supt. Mint.

May 28, 1883.

Carson.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 17th instant forwarding corrected statements of Earnings and Expenditures for the quarters ended September 30th and December 31st 1882, I desire to call your attention to the fact that you did not return with the corrected ones the statements

enclosed in my letter of May 3^d as requested.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director. ✓

Assayer in Charge.

May 28, 1883.

U. S. Mint, Denver.

Sir,

I transmit herewith for payment from your appropriation for Contingent Expenses, for the current fiscal year, the following accounts receipted in duplicate, for supplies purchased and delivered by the Superintendent Mint, U. S., at Philadelphia, to Major W. B. Hughes, Quartermaster U. S. A., for shipment to your Mint.

Mary Loughbridge 100 prs fire Mitts \$65.00

Martha Taylor. 100 " " " 65.00

Matilda Walton 50 " " " 32.50

Whitall Fortman & Co Mattresses 16.20

Bullock & Crenshaw Annealing Cups 10.50

You will please remit drafts in favor of these parties for the amounts due them under cover to Superintendent Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director. ✓

Assayer in Charge.

May 28, 1883.

Helena Mont.

Sir,

C. I. No 41 for \$161.39, being on account of your charges for the quarter ended Dec 31, 1882, enclosed in your communication of the 1st inst has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be

covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Assayer in Charge.

Alena.

May 28, 1883.

Sir:

C. I. No 133, for \$24.25, being on account of unexpended balance of Appl'n Collecting Mining Statistics 1882 enclosed in your communication of the 2nd instant has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury personal credit to be given you in your ordinary expense accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for "Collecting Mining Statistics, 1882."

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office.

New York.

May 28, 1883.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

1 Register of Assays of Gold Deposits.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Supt Mint

New Orleans.

May 28, 1883.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th instant, forwarding communication from the

Melter and Refiner, and a reply to the same".

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Supt. Mint

May 28, 1883.

New Orleans.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary expense account for the month ending April 30 1883, with my approval.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Supt. Mint.

May 28, 1883.

New Orleans.

Sir:

I return herewith for proper endorsement Mint Receipts No. 177 and 593, belonging to your Bullion Accounts for the quarter ended March 31, 1883. Gold Mint Receipt No. 177 purports to have been issued to Stewart & Adams, the endorsement is "W. H. Stuart" Silver Mint Receipt No. 593 purports to have been issued to S. J. Toupart, the endorsement is "S. J. Toupart". The endorsements must be technically and legally correct.

Your attention is also directed to the following errors in the bills of the Southern Express Company for the shipment of silver dollars paid during the quarter named, viz: Under date of December 8, 1882 \$500 to Oakland Miss., distance paid 401 miles should be 316 miles, overcharge. ----- 25^c

December 18. \$1,000 to Cadiz Station La. 125 miles, charged \$1.08, should be \$1.00 an overcharge of ----- 08^c

December 27 \$5,000 to Navasota, Texas paid 433 miles
 charged \$18.06 an overcharge of ----- \$5.07
 September 30 \$3,000 to Macon Miss. charged \$5.52.
 instead of 338 miles an overcharge of ----- \$3.86
 September 27. \$1,000 to Banksville Ga. charged 577
 should be 587 miles overcharged ----- 12¢
 September 19 \$1,000 to Maurin Ala. 399 miles
 charged \$2.49 overcharged ----- 10¢
 November 2 \$500 since to Glacens, Ark. charged 510
 instead of 501 miles an error of three cents in each case --- .06¢
 Same date \$500 to Brookville Miss charged 463
 instead of 347 miles an overcharge of ----- 32¢
 November 4 \$2,000 to Gadsden, Ala charged 480
 instead of 473 miles, overcharged ----- 09¢
 Same date \$500, to Girard Ala. entered 283 miles
 overcharged ----- 05¢
 November 13 \$4,000 to Pine Bluff, Ark. 500 miles
 overcharged ----- \$8.00
 Same date \$500, to Cordman Miss 203 miles an
 overcharge of ----- 07¢
 A total overcharge of ----- \$18.07
 Under date of December 11th there is a shipment of
\$1,000 for which no "destination" is given, but there is a
 charge for 436 miles.

It would appear that the Bills of the Express Company
 are not carefully examined before payment at your Pmtt,
 as a number of shipments are not calculated on the
 amount which was really shipped; in some cases ship-
 ments of \$5,000 are charged for as shipments of \$500.
 The shipments entered and charged for on the bills of
 the Express Company should be carefully examined by
 your records and checked as to the amount as well as
 the distance before the bills are paid, and I have pre-
 sumed that this was being done; but from the num-
 ber of cases in the bills under consideration where the
 amount shipped evidently differs as largely from

the amount charged for, it would seem evident that little if any attention is paid to this matter when the bills are presented to you for payment.

The overcharges noted above will be disallowed in the settlement of your accounts.

Please return the enclosed Mint Receipts at your earliest convenience.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burdard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

May 28, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir,

I have requested that the sum of \$387,140.24 be deposited in the Treasury of the U.S. in your name, being the net amount of profits accruing at your Mint on the coinage of the silver dollar during the quarter ended March 31, 1883, and that your Bullion Fund be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burdard.

Director.

W. J. Peterson.

May 28, 1883.

Cherokee Iowa.

Sir,

Your letter of the 19th instant addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury requesting to be informed whether you can procure a twenty-five cent piece in gold has been referred to this Office. The smallest gold coin ever struck by the United States is the gold dollar. Some years since gold halves and quarters were manufactured in San Francisco by private enterprise, but they never were a legal tender, and were not received by the Treasury.

You might possibly obtain one by writing to some money broker in San Francisco.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Bruchard.

Director. ✓

Hon. Chas. J. Folger.

May 28, 1883.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that the bullion fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte N. C. be increased ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) by a transfer of that amount and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in Charge of said Assay Office with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Bruchard.

Director. ✓

Hon Chas. J. Folger.

May 28, 1883.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir,

I have the honor to state that the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint reports that the dies for the gold Life Saving Medal are completed, also the attachments for the same.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Bruchard.

Director. ✓

Hon Chas. J. Folger.

May 28, 1883.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that you will cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States in the name of A. Loudon Snowden, Superintendent Mint U. S.

at Philadelphia, the sum of three hundred and eighty-seven thousand, one hundred and forty ²⁴/₁₀₀ dollars (\$387,140.24) being the net amount of profits accruing on the coinage of silver dollars for the quarter ended March 31st 1883, and that the bullion fund of said Mint be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burghard,
Director ✓

Wm H. Bailey, Esq.
San Francisco, Cal.

May 28, 1883.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 12th instant I have to state that the dies for the Life Saving Medal of the first class are completed, and medals will be struck from the same when authorized by the Secretary of the Treasury.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burghard,
Director. ✓

Telegram. Supt Mint.
Philadelphia.

May 29, 1883.

Notes given in my letter of twenty fourth instant for silver purchased from Seligman are correct.

Horatio C. Burghard.

Confirmed.

Director. ✓

Telegram. Wm H. Brown.
24 Nassau Street, New York.

May 29, 1883.

Have you completed delivery at New Orleans of One hundred and thirty five thousand ounces sold on 24th instant?

Horatio C. Burghard.

Confirmed.

Director. ✓

Treasury Auditor,

May 29, 1883.

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Bullion Accounts of the Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City for the Quarter ending March 31, 1883 rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Purchard,

Director

Similar letter to same address, relative to accounts of Assayer in Charge, Assay Office at St. Louis.

Assayer in Charge.

May 29, 1883.

Boise City.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Bullion Accounts for the quarter ended March 31, 1883.

Your attention is respectfully directed to an error of ten cents in calculating the value of the silver contained in a deposit made on the 4th of January by George F. Redway (Receipt No 198); the weight of the silver contained should be six ounces, instead of 6¹⁰ ounces, also on January 20th in a deposit made by the same party (Receipt No 205) the weight of the silver contained is calculated and paid for as 6⁰⁷ ounces while it really contained 5⁹⁷ ounces, an additional error of ten cents.

I have decided not to request a disallowance of these amounts, but hereafter, if the payment of any deposit is larger than the value of the bullion contained less the proper charges you will be held responsible for such over-payment. There is no good reason why

the value of every deposit should not be calculated exactly right, as during the entire quarter there were but twenty-four deposits of bullion at your institution.

I notice that you have imposed a toughening charge in most cases of two cents an ounce, the extreme limit, on nearly all deposits made during the quarter.

As this is exceptional to your practice heretofore, I would inquire whether the character of the bullion deposited during the quarter under consideration was different than formerly, or why it is you have felt it necessary to impose this additional charge?

Of course if the character of the bullion required toughening, it was proper to do so; but as it has not been your practice to impose it, and as the names of the depositors entered on the abstract sheets are about the same as heretofore, I was at a loss to understand the reason for it.

Referring to the accounts themselves your attention is respectfully directed to the fact that you have taken credit in "Gold and silver account" for the value of the bullion forwarded to the San Francisco Mint at \$37,783.46, while your shipment statements made the value of the same eight cents more. As this is a small matter I have not changed your accounts, but would suggest that you be careful to rectify it in connection with the shipments during the current quarter.

The entry of \$1.21 in your "Transportation account," occasioned by paying the Express Company a larger amount for shipping your bullion than you had collected from depositors for that purpose, you will please pay in your "Profit and loss account" of the current quarter, from your deductions for melting, assaying and stamping, or any other profits you may have, and close your "Transportation account." As the current quarter will close the fiscal year, I desire to impress

upon you the importance of settling all losses or gains between your institution and the Mint to which you ship your Bullion in the accounts for the quarter ending June 30th, and for that purpose you will, as divided last year, prepare a statement showing the net value of each shipment as calculated at your institution and the value allowed at the Mint, and the total difference, if a loss to you, will be paid in your "Profit and loss account" for the quarter ending June 30th and the gain, if any, deposited in the Treasury.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Cassier in charge.

May 29, 1883.

Boie City.

Sir:

I return herewith for correction your statement of Earnings and Expenditures for the quarter ended March 31, 1883.

The Mint charges collected during the quarter should be \$201.49 instead of \$197.60, and your own charges should be \$49.19 instead of \$53.08.

The entry of \$8.64 for gain on Bullion shipped the Mint for coinage cannot be verified by your accounts, or any data in the possession of this Office and should not appear on this statement. As I have heretofore informed you the total gain or loss on Bullion shipped the Mint for coinage should be taken up for the year in the statement of Earnings and Expenditures for the quarter ending June 30th.

Referring to the expenditures entered on this statement, the amount expended for salaries during the quarter should be \$747.32 instead of \$750, which you have entered, and the amount expended for

Contingent Expenses, should be \$206.73 instead of \$203.40 which you have entered.

Please return the enclosed statement with the corrected one at your earliest convenience.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Assayer in Charge.

May 29, 1883.

Charlotte.

Sir,

Your attention is respectfully directed to the following errors in calculating and paying for the silver contained in the deposits of gold bullion made at your institution during the quarter ended March 31, 1883, as shown by your abstract sheets, viz;

January 4. J. M. Shelly, (Receipt No 3) silver parted should be sixty-two hundredths of an ounce, value sixty-two cents instead of fifty-six hundredths of an ounce.

March 2. deposit by George C. Coolidge (Receipt No 61.) silver contained 1.36 ounces, value \$1.36 instead of 1.46 ounces, value \$1.46, which you have paid for being an over payment of ten cents.

I will also thank you to inform me how you arrive at the amount charged for "toughening, refining, parting and alloy" on the following deposits;

January 15. Receipt No 11, Schiff & Guir charges \$1.49, according to the Regulations should be \$1.57.

January 30. Receipt No 35, A. G. Brenizer, charges \$1.79 should be \$1.68, unless there is a toughening charge.

March 14. Receipt No 74, J. M. Shelly, charges should be \$1.59 instead of \$1.74 unless there is a toughening charge.

March 29 Receipt No 92, A. G. Brenizer, charges should be \$2.10 instead of \$2.38, unless there is a toughening charge.

March 31. Receipt No 96, W. H. Farrer, charges should be

\$1.46 instead of \$1.57, unless there is a toughening charge.

Please inform me at once on these subjects.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Quincy.

Supt. Mint.

Carson.

May 29, 1883.

Sir;

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Bullion Accounts Abstracts and Vouchers for the quarter ending March 31, 1883.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Quincy.

J. A. Chapman, Jr., Esq.

Simpson Co. Ky.

May 29, 1883.

Dear Sir;

Your letter of the 23rd of May has been referred to me for a reply, and I have to inform you that when the Government redeems old coins and issues new ones in their place it only pays for them by their weight which amounts generally to less than their face value on account of loss of weight in handling and circulation. No coin is worth more to the Government on account of its age.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Quincy.

L. W. Fish, Esq.
Brooklyn, L. I.

May 29, 1883.

Sir:

In compliance with your request of the 28th instant, I enclose copy of the table of values of U. S. Money issued by this Bureau January 1, 1883.

Very respectfully,

Amos C. Burdard.

Director. ✓

Thos. Kentgen, Esq.
New York.

May 29, 1883.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of yesterday is received. In reply I have to say that my Report upon the production of the precious metals for the year 1882 has not yet been printed. If you so desire, I can forward you my report for 1881 which is the last issue.

Very respectfully,

Amos C. Burdard.

Director. ✓

Supt. U. S. Assay Office.
New York City.

May 29, 1883.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith find authority from the Secretary of the Treasury, for you to advertise in the Mail & Express, and Commercial Advertiser, for Proposals for Supplies required by your office for the fiscal year 1884.

Very respectfully,

Amos C. Burdard.

Director. ✓

Supt. Mint.

May 29. 1883.

New Orleans.

Sir;

✓ Enclosed find authority from the Secretary of the Treasury for you to advertise in the "Republican" and "Picayune", for Proposals for Supplies, required by your Office for the fiscal year 1884.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Supt. Mint.

May 29. 1883

New Orleans.

Sir;

✓ I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon special assay coins taken from the first deliveries in each week at your Mint during the month of April 1883, and forwarded for test as prescribed by the regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicks.

Supt. Mint.

May 29. 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

✓ I will thank you to forward to this Office, in white metal, two impressions of the obverse and reverse of the gold Life-saving Medals, the dies of which have recently been completed at your Mint; also impressions of the attachments.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicks.

Supt. Mint.

May 29, 1883.

San Francisco.

Sir:

By an oversight the letters of authority of the Secretary for you to advertise in the *Alta* and *Bulletin*, in relation proposals for furnishing supplies, required by your Mint during the fiscal year 1884, was not enclosed with form of advertisement, sent you on the 26th instant.

Very respectfully

Horatio C. Bruchard.

Director.

Hon Charles. J. Folger.

May 29, 1883.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that orders, in blank and in points, be furnished me for transportation over the following Railroads, viz:

Four orders over Central Pacific Railroad,
Two over Central Pacific Southern Division,
Three over Union Pacific Railroad, and
One over the Union Pacific, Kansas Division.

Payment for the same to be made from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses Office of Director of the Mint (Collecting Mining Statistics).

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Bruchard.

Director.

Assayer in Charge.

May 29, 1883.

St. Louis.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Bulletin Accounts for the

Quarter ending March 31, 1883. with my approval.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Orinda, ✓

Gen. B. Grant.

May 30, 1883.

Mechanician

94 Beulah St. Boston Mass.

Sir:

✓ Please inform me the lowest price at which
you will furnish me for this office one of your
calculating machines best style and workmanship,
and whether, and for how long you want them.

Respectfully Yours.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Orinda ✓

Telegram. ✓

J. B. Wagner.

May 31, 1883.

San Francisco.

Your offer accepted.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed

Director.

Similar telegram sent to

Telegram. ✓

Daniel Meyer

San Francisco.

Telegram. ✓

Boston & Colorado Smelting Co.

May 31, 1883.

Denver, Colorado.

✓ Your offer accepted for Philadelphia at one hundred
ten and thirty-five hundredths cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Director. ✓

Telegram. Handy & Cronin.

May 31. 1883.

24 Nassau Street

New York.

✓ Your offer of one hundred thousand ounces accepted for New Orleans, and fifty thousand ounces for Philadelphia.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed

Director. ✓

Telegram. Supt Mint.

May 31. 1883.

New Orleans.✓ Receive from Handy & Cronin one hundred thousand ounces at one hundred ten and thirty four hundredths cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Director. ✓

Supt. Mint.

May 31. 1883.

San Francisco.Telegram. ✓ Receive from J. B. Waggin sixty one thousand ounces at one hundred nine and forty-five hundredths cents per ounce, and from Daniel Meyer seventy five thousand ounces at one hundred nine and one half cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Director. ✓

Treasury Auditor.

May 31. 1883.

Treasury Department.

Sir,

✓ I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Bullion Accounts of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Mint at Denver for the quarter ending March 31. 1883 rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard. Director. ✓

Supt. Mint.

May 31, 1883.

Carson.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Quarterly Statement of Earnings and Expenditures for the quarter ended March 31st 1883.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Spec. M. Clark, Esq.

May 31, 1883.

Arkansas City, Ark.

Dear Sir,

In compliance with your request of the 26th instant I forward you by to-day's mail copy of my report upon the production of the precious metals for the year 1881, the last report published by this Bureau.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Assayer in Charge.

May 31, 1883.

Denver.

Sir,

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Bulletin Accounts for the Quarter ending March 31, 1883 with my approval.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Assayer in Charge.

May 31, 1888.

Denver Mint.

Sir:

I return herewith for correction your Statement of Earnings and Expenditures for the quarter ended March 31, 1888.

The amount collected for Melting Assaying and Stamping should be \$361.64 instead of \$680.80. Please return enclosed statement with corrected one.

Very respectfully,

Aratio C. Pouchard.

Director.

Assayer in Charge

May 31, 1888.

Denver Mint.

Sir:

Referring to your Bullion Accounts for the quarter ended March 31st 1888, your attention is respectfully directed to the following errors. Gold Deposits, Receipt Nos 573, 586, 589, 596, 609, 611, 620, 640, 668, 669, 694, 696, 716, 773, 784, 809, 811, 881, 882, a parting charge of 4¢ per oz. has been imposed. The Regulations call for 3¢. Gold Deposits, Receipt Nos 630, 645, 702, 872, a parting charge of 5¢ has been imposed while the regulations call for 4 cents. Please explain these errors.

The charge of \$1. per deposit of 1000 ozs. or less and 1/10 of 1 cent per oz. when over 1000 ounces additional to the charge for parting or refining, which was imposed on each deposit embraced on your abstract sheets during the quarter, except three which were paid in bars, amounting to \$329.16 has been entered in the column of your own charges, "Melting, Assaying and Stamping" instead of under "T. R. Parting and Alloy" where it properly belongs. I have corrected your Accounts in pencil by carrying to the credit of "Profit and Loss" \$351.64 as charges for Melting, Assaying and Stamping" instead of \$680.80 and to the credit of

"Collection Account" \$1013.06 instead of \$683.90.

This will change the balance in these accounts, on March 31, 1883, in the "Profit and Loss" from \$1918.76 to \$1689.60 and in the "Collection Account" from \$284.68 to \$613.74 which correction you will please make on your books and have the opening balances in your accounts for the current quarter taken up correctly.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burdard.

Quictor. ✓

Assayer in Charge.

May 31, 1883.

Seneca Minit.

Sir;

✓ Enclosed herewith find account of Messrs. Phillips & Jacobs receipts in duplicate for sand crucibles purchased and delivered by Superintendent U.S. Minit. Philadelphia, to Major W. B. Hughes, Quartermaster U.S.A. for shipment to your Minit. You will please transmit Messrs Phillips & Jacobs on draft for the amount \$66. of their account.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burdard.

Quictor. ✓

Assayer in Charge.

May 31, 1883.

Helena. Minit.

Sir;

✓ I return herewith for correction your Abstract Sheet and Bullion Account for the quarter ended March 31st 1883.

Gold Deposit #34 made February 27th 1883, by George McCormick contained only 167. ⁵⁷¹ ~~571~~ std ozs. of gold, the value of which is \$3117.60. The amount calculated and paid for is 167 ⁶⁸² ~~571~~ std ozs of a value of \$3119.61 making an overpayment of \$2.01. This error will reduce your payment to depositors from \$93,251.09 to \$93,249.08 and increase your balance of coin on hand March 31st.

correspondingly. It will also reduce the amount of bullion with which you are charged from \$104,910 Std ozs value \$94,976.09 to \$104,799 Std ozs. value \$94,973.02 and reduce correspondingly the balance of bullion on hand March 31, 1883. Please make the corrections in your accounts and books and return the papers to this office at your earliest convenience.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Assayer in charge.

May 31, 1883.

Helena, Mon.

Sir,

Referring to your letter of the 19th instant requesting to be supplied with blanks, I have to say that the following have this day been mailed to your office to wit:

1300 Assayer's Reports.

750 Assayer's Mem. of Gold Bullion deposited.

500 Certificates of Gold deposits.

These exhaust the supply on hand at present, more will be sent when required.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Jonathan Vougham.

May 31, 1883.

W. L. Co. Ill.

Sir,

Your letter to the Secretary of the Treasury has been referred to me for reply, and I have to inform you that this Government does not pay any premium upon its coins, the date of a coin does not give it any value beyond its weight and fineness.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Miss S. W. Landon.

May 31, 1883

Millin Vermont.

Upon your signing and returning the enclosed receipt a draft for \$102.20 the amount of salary due you for the month of May 1883 will be transmitted you.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quincy.

Messrs. Marshall Field & Co.

May 31, 1883.

Madison and Market Sts.

Chicago.

Gentlemen:

I have received your letter of the 29th inst. stating that owing to the extreme scarcity of three-cent pieces in your city and consequent inconvenience in making change you were induced to address me "inquiring as to the prospect for the further coinage of this denomination."

The coinage of three-cent pieces has been suspended by the Secretary as required by law, because of the accumulation of these coins in the Treasury, which contained according to the last reports over four million pieces. There are in the Sub-Treasury at Chicago 244,000 of the coins, and I doubt not you can obtain there a sufficient supply.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quincy.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office.
New York City.

May 31, 1883.

Sir;

I enclose herewith blank vouchers for advertising for supplies and which should have been sent you with my letter of the 29th instant.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint,
New Orleans.

May 31, 1883.

Sir;

I enclose herewith blank vouchers for advertising for Proposals for supplies, and which should have been sent you with my letter of the 29th instant.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint,
Philadelphia.

May 31, 1883.

Sir;

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for, as may be preferred, either in silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in silver dollars, to wit of -

Wandry & Cronise 50,000 ounces, at \$ 1.1034,

Boston & Colorado Smelting Co 40,000 ounces at \$ 1.1032

Very respectfully

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.
Philadelphia.

May 31. 1883.

Sir;

I transmit herewith authority from the Secretary of the Treasury for you to advertise in the "Bulletin" and "News" for proposals to furnish supplies that will be required by your Mint during the fiscal year ending June 30th 1884 also for Oak and Pine wood that will be required from January 1st to June 30th 1884.

The propriety of making contracts by calendar instead of fiscal years is doubtful, as when by calendar years the last six months would be for a period for which no appropriation had been made, and for this reason I am clearly of the opinion that after the expiration of the present contract for supplying Mint with wood that the same should be for fiscal years as for all other supplies.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

Denver.

June 1st. 1883.

Sir;

Referring to your Ordinary Expense Account for the month of April 1883. I desire to call your attention to voucher No. 12. 200 pads at 20¢ each and will thank you to explain the necessity for the purchase and whether the pads were ordinary memorandums blocks.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Assayer in charge.

June 1, 1883.

Denver Mint.

Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 2nd ultimo, requisition has this day been made upon the Public Printer for blanks to be used in the collection of mining statistics, and the same will be forwarded to you as soon as received.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Bruchard.

Director.

Supt Mint

June 1, 1883.

New Orleans.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 26th ult in relation to a book of receipts of "Deposits of silver bullion Form 27" ordered by you under date of April 3rd last,

I would state that I have caused the completion of the book to be made special but some days must yet elapse before it can be forwarded to you.

In this connection I desire to invite attention to the enclosed circular which contains the Regulations of the Department in regard to requisitions for Blank Book, Blanks and Stationery. You will observe that two months time is allowed the Public Printer for the preparation of blank books and as a week or ten days must necessarily elapse before requisitions can reach him they should be made about two and a half months before they are needed for use.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Bruchard.

Director.

Nathaniel Boyes, Esq.

June 1st, 1883.

Agent Bulletin Publishing Co.

East Sullivan, Me.

Sir,

I return herewith Treasury Draft for \$10. issued in payment of the subscription of this office to the Sullivan Bulletin enclosed in your letter of the 19th ultims with the information that it is necessary you should comply with the requirements of paragraph 7 of Department Circular No 31 in relation to indorsement and payment of Treasury Drafts (a copy of which is enclosed herewith) as this office has no other means of paying the account.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Quindā.

Supt. Mint.

June 1, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir,

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz.

1 Index Book.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Quindā.

Hon. O. H. Platt.

June 1, 1883.

Menden Conn.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 31 ultims recommending Miss Wagner for a position in the Philadelphia Mint has been received, and I have forwarded the same to the Superintendent of that Institution and called his attention to your recommendation of that lady.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard, Quindā.

Hon. Chas. J. Folger,
Secretary of the Treasury.

June 1, 1883.

Sir;

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of the Mint of the U. S. at New Orleans to the Treasury U. S. of the sum of six thousand five hundred dollars (\$6,500.-) in currency received in exchange for silver dollars.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Telegram. Supt. Mint.
New Orleans.

June 2, 1883.

✓ Com six hundred thousand silver dollars in June,
Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Director. ✓

Supt. Mint.
San Francisco.

June 2, 1883.

Telegram. Com six hundred and fifty thousand silver dollars
in June.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Director. ✓

Supt. Mint.
Philadelphia.

June 2, 1883.

Sir;

L. O. No. 5737 for \$150,000. being on account of minor coinage profits enclosed in your communication of the 31st ultimo, has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard, Director.

Supt. Assay Office.
New York.

June 2, 1883.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$ 8,000. to meet the expenses of the refining in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Parting and refining bullion".

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Similar letter except in amount addressed to

✓ Supt. Mint Philadelphia	amount	\$ 900.
" " ✓ San Francisco	"	<u>10,000</u>

Supt. Assay Office
New York.

June 2, 1883.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of June, 1883, has been approved for the sum of \$6,180.06, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your institution during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1883	<u>\$2943.86</u>
Wages of Workmen	"	<u>25.00.</u>
Contingent Expenses.	"	<u>736.20</u>

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Similar letter except in amounts addressed to.

✓ Supt. Mint Philadelphia	amount	\$ 61,040.73
Salaries	1883	<u>28,716.63</u>
Wages of Workmen	✓ "	<u>38,747.25</u>
Contingent Expenses	"	<u>19421.85</u>

Similar except in amounts addressed to
 Supt. Mint, San Francisco amount, \$ 32.900
 Salaries 1883 3,400
 Wages of Workmen ✓ " 20,000
 Contingent Expenses " 98,00 ✓

Supt. Mint. June 2, 1883.

✓ Carson.

Sir;

The number of silver dollars to be coined by your Mint during the current month is hereby fixed at One hundred thousand pieces.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burghard,

Director.

Similar letter except in number of dollars to be coined addressed to
 ✓ Supt. Mint, Philadelphia " " " " " 1,000,000 pieces

Ges. P. Rowell & Co.

June 2, 1883.

#10 Spruce St. New York.

Gentlemen:

Your bill of the 28th ultimo for 1 copy 1883 Edition American Newspaper Directory purchased for the use of this bureau amounting to \$5. has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officials of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burghard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.
Philadelphia.

June 2, 1883.

Sir,

I enclose herewith the authority of the Secretary of the Treasury for you to advertise for Proposals for supplies omitted to be sent with my letter of the 29th ultimo.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Supt. Mint.
Philadelphia.

June 2, 1883.

Sir,

Your letter of the 1st instant transmitting statement of mint Coinage operations during the month of May 1883 has been received.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Supt. Mint.
Philadelphia.

June 2, 1883.

Sir,

Referring to your requisition for funds for the current month, I have advanced you the full amount to the credit of the appropriations for Wages of Workmen and Contingent Expenses.

There are some bills for advertising which will be sent you when they are in proper shape, and it will be necessary for you to reserve a sufficient amount of your Contingent fund to meet them.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Ira Remsen, Esq.

P. O. Drawer #18.

Baltimore, Md.

June 2, 1883.

Sir,

Your bill of the 9th ultimo. for Vol. 5. American Chemical Journal purchased for the use of this Bureau amounting to \$ 3. has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

San Francisco.

June 2, 1883.

Sir,

Referring to your requisition for funds for the current month, I would state that I have reduced the amount requested for Contingent Expenses to \$ 9,500. in order to reserve a small amount \$ 520.01 to meet any bills for freight, or stationery, or any other expenses which may be received here for payment from your appropriation.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Hon Chas. J. Folger.

Secretary of the Treasury.

June 2, 1883.

Sir,

I have the honor to call your attention to my letter of September 30, 1882 submitting estimates of appropriations required for the support of this Office and the Mints and Assay Offices for the fiscal year ending

June 30, 1884, in which I asked that the position of Assistant Messenger in this Office be changed to a clerk at \$1,000, for the reason that the person then filling the position named performed clerical service and should be compensated accordingly; and also to the Legislative appropriation Act for the fiscal year 1884, in which the position of Assistant Messenger in this Office is omitted and an additional Clerkship at \$1,000 is created, as I recommended.

I have the honor therefore to request that Mr. H. C. Spachman the Assistant Messenger in this Office referred to, be promoted and appointed as a clerk at \$1,000 per annum from the first proximo.

I would say that Mr. Spachman has performed clerical service in this Office for a period of eighteen months, and I have found him a faithful and competent clerk and stenographer.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Telegram.

Supt. Minit

Carson

June 4, 1883.

Advance purchasing rate of silver to one hundred nine and one half cents per ounce fine.

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed

Acting Director.

Similar telegram sent to:

Telegram

Supt. Minit

San Francisco

Telegram

Supt. Minit.

New Orleans.

June 4, 1883.

Advance purchasing rate of silver to one hundred and ten cents per ounce fine.

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed.

Acting Director.

Telegram

Asst. Treasurer.

June 4, 1883.

New York.

The Superintendent of the New Orleans Mint is absent.

✓ H. A. Steele is authorized to sign as Acting Superintendent under section 3502 Revised Statutes.

R. C. Preston.

Confirmed.

Acting Director. ✓

Supt. Mint.

June 4, 1883.

Carson.

Sir;

C. D. No. 966 for \$48, being on account of Ore Assays enclosed in your communication of the 23rd ultimo has been received, properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, no personal credit to be given you in your accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "miscellaneous receipt".

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Assayer in charge.

June 4, 1883.

Charlotte, S. C.

Sir;

I have approved your requisition for funds for the current month for the sum of \$364.25, as follows:

Salaries	1883	\$226.60
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Wages and Contingent Expenses	"	137.64
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The amount advanced you from the appropriation for Wages and Contingent Expenses was the total amount to the credit of that appropriation.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Assayer in Charge.
Charlotte

June 4, 1883.

Sir;

Referring to your letter of the 31st ultimo in relation to the errors in calculating the charges on deposits made at your institution during the first quarter of the current calendar year, I would say that you seem to be laboring under some error in regard to the requirements of the Regulations in regard to the charge for parting gold and silver.

The Regulations of 1881, of which you say you have a copy, and which were the last issued, on the page and under the heading you refer to do not require, as you state, a collection charge of four cents per ounce for the Philadelphia Mint and one cent additional for more than $\frac{1}{1000}$ for melting, but have a graded schedule, and it is only when there is $\frac{7}{1000}$, or over, gold, contained in the deposit that four cents is required. In the deposits referred to (for instance No 25) there was one of $\frac{640}{1000}$ of gold, which comes under the three cent schedule and one cent for over a $\frac{100}{1000}$ base, making four cents in all.

In all the cases referred to in my letter of the 29th ultimo you are in error. The schedule of charges is perfectly plain, and there is no reason why you cannot and should not impose the proper charge on every deposit, and it is necessary that you should do so.

In cases where you fail to impose the charges required by the Regulations you are liable to be held for the amount which you fail to collect of the depositor.

Hereafter you will see to it that the charges are imposed at your institution on deposits in accordance with the schedule for the Philadelphia Mint on page 6 of the Regulations.

Where there is under 200 m. gold, the parting charge is 1 1/2 cents.

From 200 to 399 M. 2. Cents.

" 400 " 699 " 3. "

" 700 M and over 4. "

In every case where there is over 100 M base metal, one cent per ounce gross additional.

This schedule is plain and there is no good reason why you should not be able to follow it strictly and correctly.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Supt. Assay Office.

June 4, 1888.

New York.

Sir,

I have to inform you that the Official Bond of Henry B. Riley, Assistant Melter and Refiner of your Office, executed in the sum of \$5,000. has been approved and filed in the Office of the Trust Comptroller.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Supt. Assay Office.

June 4, 1888.

New York.

Sir,

Referring to your letter of the 2nd instant in relation to blanks for the use of your Office, I have to say, that it is impossible to furnish the "50 Melter and Refiner record books" at the time mentioned, you are therefore authorized to purchase the same in your city.

Requisition has been made upon the Public Printer for the blanks asked for in the same letter, and they will be sent as soon as received.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Supt. Mint.

June 4, 1883.

New Orleans.

Sir;

I have requested that your bullion fund be increased by transfer of one million Silver Dollars, and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant U. S. Treasury at New York.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Mr. Kiss and Morgan.

June 4, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

Referring to a letter received at this office from you dated June 7, 1877 giving a list of patterns and machinery on storage with you belonging to the United States, I have to request that you will inform me of the condition of the machinery, and whether it can be made available for use if necessary, or if its condition is such as not to admit of use.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

June 4, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

I have received your letter of the 23^d ultimo enclosing two original Certificates of Deposit made on that day with the Assistant Treasurer in your city, covering into the Treasury charges collected during the month of April 1883.

I am surprised that you should deposit the amount collected as a toughening charge with the alloy, bar and melting charges, instead of including

the amount with the refining charges.

I have made the collection on the Certificate, and have forwarded Certificate No 5733 to the Secretary with the request that the amount \$898.51 be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for Parting and Refining Bullion, and that of Certificate of Deposit No 5734, \$47.93 be covered into the Treasury as a "miscellaneous receipt" and \$37.28 to the credit of the appropriation for Parting and Refining Bullion. As this is not the first time that errors have occurred in depositing your charges I call your special attention to it, as it is difficult to correct errors of this kind after the money has been deposited.

Very respectfully

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Supt Mint.

June 4, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir,

It is desirable that you complete the allotment of coinage for your Mint as early as practicable and that the necessary preparations be made to facilitate the annual settlement on the 30th instant.

It is also desirable that you should be prepared to resume coinage operations as early in July as practicable for the reason that it is contemplated to coin by far the larger portion of the standard silver dollars required at the Philadelphia and New Orleans Mints, as the distribution is much more rapid from these points.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

Philadelphia.

June 4, 1883.

Sir,

Your letter of the 1st instant enclosing specimens in white metal of Life Saving Medals, and attachments has been received.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

Philadelphia.

June 4, 1883.

Sir,

Until further notice the purchasing rate of silver bullion in lots of less than ten thousand ounces at your Mint will be 1.10 cents per ounce fine.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

Philadelphia.

June 4, 1883.

Sir,

I am informed by the Superintendent of the New York Assay Office that there is now ready for transfer 98,944⁴⁰⁰/₁₀₀ ounces standard silver the cost of which at 116⁴/₁₀₀ is \$111,644.05.

I will thank you to inform me whether you will need any more bullion for the coinage of fractional silver during the current month or whether the transfer of this bullion should be deferred until after the first proximo.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.
New Orleans.

June 4, 1883.

Sir,

C. I. No. 400 for \$ 27.01 being on account of parting and refining charges in March 1883 enclosed in your communication of the 18th ultimo has been received properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for "Parting and refining bullion".

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Similar letter except in No. C. I. & amt. sent to same address, viz:
Supt. Mint, New Orleans. C. I. No 401. for \$ 29.24

Supt. Mint.
New Orleans.

June 4, 1883.

Sir,

C. I. No 402 for \$ 66.11 being on account of charges other than parting and refining in March enclosed in your communication of the 18th ultimo has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "miscellaneous receipt".

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Similar letter except in No. C. I. & amt. for April sent to same address.
Supt. Mint New Orleans C. I. No 403 for \$ 176.98.

Supt. Mint.
New Orleans.

June 4, 1883.

Sir,

It is desirable that you complete the allotment of coinage for your Mint as early as practicable and that the necessary preparations be made to facilitate the annual settlement on the 30th instant.

It is ^{also} desirable that you should be prepared to resume coinage operations as early in July as practicable.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Royce & Marlan.
1408, Pa Ave. N.Y.C.

June 4, 1883.

Gentlemen:

Your bill of the 23rd ultimo for repairing battery be purchased for the use of the Laboratory in connection with this bureau amounting to \$ 45.00 has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement. In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.
San Francisco.

June 4, 1883.

Sir,

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement a bill of the Erie and North Shore Despatch for the transportation, in the month of April last, from Boston to Chicago, of three cases of Copper

Canisters consigned to your care, amounting to \$8.48
the amount to be paid from the appropriation for Con-
tingent Expenses of your Mint for the current fiscal year.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Hon Chas. J. Folger.

June 4, 1883.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir;

I have the honor to request that the Bullion Fund of
the U. S. Mint at New Orleans be increased in the sum
of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) by a transfer of that
amount in Standard Silver Dollars, and that the same
be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of the said
Mint with the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

June 5, 1883.

New Orleans.

Sir;

The following coins received at your Mint during the
month of May and forwarded to this office for special
assay have been received viz:

10 Standard Silver Dollars.

\$10.00

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director

Similar letter except in amount, addressed to

Supt. Mint, Philadelphia. Coins received and forwarded,

10 Standard Silver Dollars

\$10.00

20 Dimes

2.00

Total Value

12.00

First Auditor

June 5, 1883.

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Medal Fund account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia for the Quarter ending March 31, 1883. rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully

R. C. Preston.

Acting Auditor.

First Auditor

June 5, 1883.

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Bullion Accounts of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte, N. C. for the Quarter ending March 31, 1883. rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully

R. C. Preston.

Acting Auditor.

Supt. Mint.

June 5, 1883.

Carson.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

100 Pay rolls. as requested in your letter of May 29th.

Very respectfully

R. C. Preston.

Acting Auditor.

Assayer in Charge.
Charlotte

June 5, 1883.

Sir;

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Bulletin accounts for the Quarter ending March 31, 1883, with my approval.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston,

Acting Director. ✓

Hon. W. A. P. Carter.
Hamilton House.
Washington.

June 5, 1883.

Sir;

I have this day been furnished with official evidence that Mr Claus Speckels has been duly authorized as an agent of the Hawaiian Government to procure certain coinage for that Government.

As I desire to have a personal conference with you on this subject, I will be glad if you will call at this Office at your early convenience.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Assayer in Charge.
Helena Mont.

June 5, 1883.

Sir;

In compliance with your telegram, I have this day requested that your Bulletin fund be increased One hundred thousand dollars, by transfer of that amount, and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant U. S. Treasurer at New York.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston, Acting Director. ✓

Supt. Mint.

June 5, 1883.

New Orleans.

Sir,

I return herewith for explanation statement No. 83 of charges imposed on bullion received at your Mint during the month of April 1883.

Your attention is directed to the deposit for $19\frac{7}{100}$ ounces of gold bullion and $880\frac{4}{100}$ ounces silver bullion apparently deposited for payment in standard bars.

I will thank you to inform me whether this bullion was deposited for payment in bars, and if so, why a standard bar charge, was not imposed as required by the Regulations.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Quicks.

Supt. Mint.

June 5, 1883

New Orleans.

Sir,

Referring to my letter of the 28th ultimo, in which I called your attention to errors in the bills of the Express Company, for shipment of silver dollars, amounting to $\$18\frac{07}{100}$ which I stated would be disallowed in the settlement of your Bullion Accounts for the quarter ending March 31, 1883. I have decided instead of recommending this disallowance to return the bills of the Express Company in which errors occur, for correction, and also your Bullion Accounts for the quarter named.

There are errors against the Express Company in these bills amounting to $\$21\frac{08}{100}$ and errors against the Government, amounting to $\$18.07$ which is my reason for returning them. I desire that the bills shall be strictly correct in every particular and that you will have the Express Company render

new bills in place of these in which errors occur, and that you will have the bills carefully gone over, and the amount shipped, checked in each instance, as well as the distance and calculation, and take up in your silver profit fund, as payment from profits on coinage of silver, the correct amount of these bills.

I desire this done at once, so that the accounts can be returned to this office in time for verification before the annual settlement takes place. I also call your attention to an error in the "Bellum Fund" account in the form of the entry.

I enclose herewith list of errors in the Express bills.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mmt.

June 5, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting offices of the Department for examination and settlement your Medal Fund account for the Quarter ending March 31, 1883 with my approval.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mmt.

June 5, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I enclose herewith an additional table of distances to enable you to make payments for shipments of silver dollars to certain towns named therein.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

J. T. Pullen, Esq.
 Teller State National Bank.
 Raleigh, N. C.

June 5, 1883.

Sir;

Your letter of the 24th ultimo, addressed to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, stating that you have \$1,500. in gold dollars, which you wish to dispose of, has been referred to this Office.

If these pieces have not been abraded below the legal limit for weight, you might send them to your eastern correspondent, and have them exchanged for gold certificates at the Treasury.

If they are of light weight, you can deposit them at the Mint at Philadelphia or Assay Office at New York as bullion and receive their intrinsic value less the melting charge of one dollar.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

A. D. Swan, Esq.
 Indianola, Iowa.

June 5, 1883.

Sir;

Your postal card of the 31st ultimo requesting to be informed where you can exchange gold dust for coin has been received.

Deposits of gold are received at the Mint and Assay offices, and the value is returned in U. S. Coin less the charges for parting and refining.

You can send by Express to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia or to the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at St. Louis, Mo.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Hon. Chas. J. Folger.
Secretary of the Treasury.

June 5, 1883.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the Assay Office at Charlotte, N. C. to that of the Mint at Philadelphia, Pa. of the sum of Two thousand Seven hundred and Eighty-nine $\frac{56}{100}$ Dollars (\$2789.56) in gold coin, and Nine $\frac{26}{100}$ Dollars (\$9.26) in silver coin, making a total of Two thousand Seven hundred and ninety-eight $\frac{82}{100}$ Dollars (\$2798.82) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte for coinage as shown by Memorandum No 903, dated May 28, 1883 of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Hon Chas. J. Folger.
Secretary of the Treasury.

June 5, 1883.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Helena Montana, be increased one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.) by a transfer of that amount, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said Assay Office with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York.

Very respectfully,

Acting Director. ✓

Supt. Mint
Philadelphia.

June 5, 1883.

Sir:

Referring to my letter of yesterday in relation to Certificate of Deposit 5734, the amount

should have been \$46 $\frac{93}{100}$, covered as miscellaneous receipt, instead of \$47 $\frac{93}{100}$ being a clerical error in writing the letter.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Telegram.

Claus Spreckels, Esq.

June 6, 1883.

San Francisco.

Plans for the manufacture of dies for proposed Hawaiian coinage will cost Two thousand dollars.

Is that price satisfactory to you?

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Telegram.

Assayer in Charge.

June 6, 1883.

Denver, Minn.

You are authorized to make repairs as requested in your letter of the first instant. Letter by mail.

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint

June 6, 1883.

Denver Mint.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of June 1883, has been approved for the sum of \$1672.85, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year viz:

Salaries	1883	<u>\$ 527.60</u>
Wages of workmen	"	<u>645.25</u>
Contingent Expenses	"	<u>500.</u>

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston

Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office.
New York.

June 6, 1883.

Sir;

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th inst. transmitting statements of gold bars exchanged for gold coin during the months, March, April and May.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.
Philadelphia.

January 6, 1883.

Sir;

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

✓ 1. Blotter of Gold and Silver Bullion weight after melting.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.
Philadelphia

June 6, 1883.

Sir;

✓ I will thank you to inform me what will be the probable amount of gold coinage at your Mint during the current month. I think it advisable that the principle part of the gold coin at your Mint should be transferred to the Treasury to facilitate the annual settlement on the 30th instant.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Assafer in Charge.
St. Louis Mo.

June 6, 1883.

Sir,

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of June 1883, has been approved for the sum of \$ 438.40 payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Institution during the current fiscal year.

viz;

Salaris	1883	\$ <u>288.40</u>
Wages of Workmen.	"	}
Contingent Expenses.	"	
		<u>150.</u>

Very respectfully,
 R. E. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Claus Spreckels, Esq.
San Francisco, Cal.

June 6, 1883.

Sir,

I have received from Hon. F. F. Low of your City a communication enclosing written authority from the Minister of Finance of the Hawaiian Government for you to contract with the United States Government for the coinage of One million dollars in silver coin, and also transmitting a profile photograph of the King.

This authorization states that the coins are to be of the denominations of one dollar, fifty cents, twenty five cents, and twelve and one half cents, and that they are to be of the same standard fineness and weight as coins of the same denomination issued by the Government of the United States.

As the United States has never issued a coin of the value of twelve and a half cents, I have to request that you will inform me whether it is not contemplated by the law that the smallest denomination should

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correspond to the U. S. dime or $\frac{1}{10}$ of a dollar instead of twelve and a half cents or $\frac{1}{8}$ of a dollar.

Please inform me also if the inscription "Akahi Dala" should not read "Akahi Kala" as I understand there is no "I" in the Hawaiian tongue.

The cost of preparing the hubs for striking the working dies for the manufacture of this coinage will be \$ 2,000.

I will thank you to inform me in what proportion as to denominations the millon dollars will be struck, in order that I may know the number of working dies that will be required for each denomination. I will cause immediate attention to be given to preparing the hubs for the dies, and therefore request an answer at your earliest convenience.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Telegram. Bank. of California.

June 7, 1883.

San Francisco.

Your offer declined.

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed

Acting Director. ✓

Similar telegram addressed to.

Telegram. Samuel Meyer.

San Francisco Cal.

" Nevada Bank.

" " "

Telegram. Anglo Californian Bank.

June 7, 1883.

San Francisco, Cal.

Fifty thousand ounces of your offer accepted.

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed

Acting Director. ✓

Telegram Boston & Colorado Smelting Company. June 7, 1883.
Denver Colorado.

Your offer accepted for Philadelphia at one hundred
ten and fifty seven hundredth cents per ounce fine.

R. C. Preston.

Confirmed

Acting Director.

Telegram. Supt. Minit. June 7, 1883.

Carson Nevada.

Offer of Williams declined.

R. C. Preston.

Confirmed

Acting Director.

Telegram Handy & Cronise. June 7, 1883.

24 Nassau Street.

New York.

One hundred thousand ounces of your offer accepted for
New Orleans and one hundred and fifty thousand
ounces for Philadelphia.

R. C. Preston.

Confirmed

Acting Director.

Telegram. Supt. Minit. June 7, 1883.

New Orleans.

Receive from Handy & Cronise One hundred thousand ounces
at one hundred ten and fifty nine hundredth cents
per ounce fine.

R. C. Preston.

Confirmed.

Acting Director.

Telegram. Supt. Minit. June 7, 1883.

San Francisco, Cal.

Receive fifty thousand ounces from Anglo Californian Bank at
one hundred nine and forty-eight hundredth cents per ounce fine.

R. C. Preston.

Confirmed.

Acting Director.

Telegram. J. & W. Seligman & Co.
New York.

June 7, 1883.

Your offer of twenty five thousand ounces at one hundred ten and one half cents accepted other declined.

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed.

Acting Director.

First Auditor.

June 7, 1883.

Treasury Department.

Sir;

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Refinery and Standard Silver Dollar accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco for the month ended April 30th 1883, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

First Auditor.

June 7, 1883.

Treasury Department.

Sir;

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Bullion accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia for the Quarter ending Dec. 31, 1882, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Assayer in charge.

June 7, 1883.

Senior Mint.

Sir;

I transmit herewith account of Messrs Phillips & Jacobs for 100 Batturea Pots purchased and delivered by the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint.

May. W. B. Hughes Quartermaster U.S. Army, for shipment
to your Mint.

You will please transmit under cover to the Super-
intendent of the Philadelphia Mint a draft in favor of
Messrs Phillips & Jacobs for \$ 31.⁰⁰/₁₀₀ the amount of their
account.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge
Helena. Mont.

June 7, 1883.

Sir;

✓ Requisition has this day been made upon the Printer
for Blank Officers and Clerks pay-rolls form No 47, as
requested in your letter of the 31st ultimo, and copies
will be mailed you as soon as received.

Very respectfully

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Sup't. Mint.
Philadelphia.

June 7, 1883.

Sir;

I will thank you to forward to this office the
original drawing for attachments to the Life Saving Medals,
the same to be returned to you after inspection by the
Superintendent of the Life Saving Service.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

June 7, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

Your letter of the 6th instant enclosing the account of Meiers Phillips & Jacobs for 100 Batterie Pots, purchased and delivered by you to Maj. W. B. Hughes Quartermaster U. S. Army for shipment to the U. S. Mint at Denver Colo. has been received.

I have forwarded the account of Meiers Phillips and Jacobs to the Assayer in charge of that Mint, with instructions to transmit a draft under cover to you for the amount.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

June 7, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your bill in account for the Quarter ending Dec 31, 1882 with my approval.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

June 7, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day viz:

35 Reports of official postage stamps used and on hand as requested in your letter of the 6th instant.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston. Acting Director.

Supt. Munit.

Philadelphia

June 7, 1883.

Sir;

I have received your letter of the 5th instant, in relation to an error in depositing in the Treasury your charges for the month of April, in which you state that while regretting the mistake of the Deposit Clerk,

you regret much more the tone of my letter and the reflection contained therein upon the accuracy of rendering your accounts.

In reply I would state that I have carefully perused the letter which I wrote you and I fail to find any reference whatever to your accounts or any complaint of any inaccuracy existing in them.

The error spoken of was in relation to depositing in the Treasury erroneously moneys collected. I called your special attention to it for the reason that on four different occasions within the space of thirteen months the charge at your institution have been erroneously deposited.

I refer you to my letters of May 12th, August 1st and September 16th, 1882, and your replies of May 13th and August 2nd.

It is required that money, to go to the credit of an appropriation shall be deposited separately from money covered as a miscellaneous earning, as the two amounts are covered into the Treasury upon different forms of warrant. In view of these facts, I do not think that there was any severity or impropriety in the tone of my letter of the 4th instant in calling your special attention to the importance of depositing these amounts correctly, and I would repeat the suggestion contained in my letter of August 3, 1882, that in order to prevent errors of this kind you "instruct your Cashier to compare the amounts to be deposited in the Treasury each month with the footings of the abstract sheets before making the deposit."

Very respectfully, R. C. Preston
Acting Quicks.

Supt. Mint.

June 7, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have changed your statement of Earnings and Expenditures for the quarter ending December 31st, 1882 by entering the amount refunded by the Adams Express Company, \$9178.81, as an earning lessening the expenditure of distribution of Standard Silver Dollars \$13932.94.

Please take it up in that way on your annual statement of Earnings and Expenditures.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

June 7, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the ratio and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for, as may be preferred, either in silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in silver dollars, to wit:

of. <u>Boston & Colorado Smelting Co.</u>	40,000 ounces at	<u>\$110.57</u>
<u>Ward & Cronin</u>	150,000 " "	<u>110.59</u>
<u>J & W. Seligman & Co.</u>	25,000 " "	<u>110.50</u>

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Assayer in charge,
St. Louis, Mo.

June 7, 1883.

Sir;

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Account with Abstract and Vouchers for the month ending May 31st, 1883.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.
San Francisco, Cal.

June 7, 1883.

Sir;

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officer of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Refinery & Standard Silver dollar accounts for the month of April 1883 with my approval.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Hon Chas J. Folger,
Secretary of the Treasury.

June 7, 1883.

Sir;

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte N. C. to that of the Mint at Philadelphia, Pa. of the sum of Nine hundred and twenty one $\frac{48}{100}$ dollars (\$971.48) in gold coin, and Fifteen $\frac{83}{100}$ dollars (\$15.83) in silver coin, making a total of Nine hundred and eighty seven $\frac{31}{100}$ dollars (\$987.31) being the net value of bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte for coinage as shown by Memorandum No 932 dated June 2nd 1883. of gold bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully, R. C. Preston. Acting Director.

Telegram

Pope, Cole & Co.

57 South Gay Street.

Baltimore Md.

Your offer accepted. Please ship without delay.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

June 8. 1883.

Telegram

Pope Cole & Co

57 South Gay Street

Baltimore Md.

Please state lowest price at which you will deliver ten tons copper to the Mint at New Orleans.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

June 8. 1883.

First Auditor.

Treasury Department.

Sir,

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Expense account of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena Mon. for the month ending April 30th. 1883. rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Similar letter to same address relating to similar % of
Assay Office Boise City, Idaho.

First Auditor

Treasury Department.

Sir,

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Bulletin account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Carson City, Nev. for the quarter ending March 31. 1883.

June 8. 1883.

rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge.

June 8, 1883.

Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending April 30th 1883, with my approval.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Similar letter addressed to.

Assayer in Charge

Helena, Montana.

Supt. Mint.

June 8, 1883.

Carson City.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon special assay coins taken from the first deliveries in each week at your Mint during the month of April 1883, and forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Similar letter addressed to.

Supt. Mint.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Supt. Minit.

June 8, 1883.

Carson.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Bullion accounts for the quarter ending March 31, 1883, with my approval.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Quicks.

Supt. Minit.

June 8, 1883.

Carson.

Sir:

Referring to the abstract sheets accompanying your Bullion accounts for the quarter ended March 31, 1883, your attention is directed to the following errors:

Silver purchase made January 11th Receipt No 14, W. W. Cowan, a melting charge of \$ 16.12 has been imposed, it should have been a refining charge, and was evidently so intended, but it has been carried with the melting charges to the credit of "profit and loss" instead of with the parting and refining charges to the credit of "parting and refining".

On the deposits of silver Bullion for bars there are melting charges amounting to \$ 13.76. The Regulations do not impose any melting charge on Bullion requiring parting or refining.

This charge is a parting and refining charge, like the one last mentioned, and should go to the credit of "parting and refining", and not to the credit of "profit and loss".

The same is the case with the melting charge of \$ 27 on the gold deposits of the quarter, but the correction in that case has been made in your accounts by a counter entry. In the cases first

referred to, you are hereby instructed to make an entry in your Bullion Accounts for the current quarter transferring from your "profit and loss account" to your "parting and refining account" the sum \$28.88 erroneously entered with the miscellaneous charges.

Your attention is directed to the fact that you have imposed a fine bar charge amounting to \$33.12 on silver Bullion deposited for bars by George C. Bryson contrary to the Regulations.

There is no fine bar charge under under the Regulations imposed upon bullion requiring refining.

I think the money should be refunded to the depositor. Your attention is directed to a gold deposit made on March 14th by E. D. Linton, on which a parting charge of four cents was imposed, instead of five cents as required by the Regulations. The charge should have been \$4.50 instead of \$4.05.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Messrs. Farley, Paul & Baker.

June 8, 1883.

530 Market St.

Philadelphia.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of the 7th instant, relative to the reports of the Director upon the production of the precious metals in the United States, I have to state that the report to which you refer as having been recently quoted, is the report for the calendar year 1882. Now in press, the preparation of which was not commenced before January last.

The report for 1883 will not be prepared until after the close of the current calendar year.

Mr. Walter A. Skidmore of San Francisco, is now

qualified to furnish you with an article upon California.
I send you by current mail a copy of the Quicks report
for 1880, on pp. 311-350 of which is an article from
Mr Skidmore's pen.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Quicks.

Supt. Mint.

June 8. 1883.

New Orleans.

Sir;

Your letter of the 4th instant enclosing statement of
silver purchases for the month of May has been received.
Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Quicks. ✓

Supt. Mint.

June 8th. 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

I have to request that you will cause to be struck and
forwarded to this Office as early as practicable gold Life-
saving medals for the following parties and to be en-
graved as indicated.

To Dominick J. Ryder, for heroic effort in saving life,
1876 to 1881 "

To Alfred Cardran, for signal heroism in saving life,
April 15. 1883.

To Joseph Cardran, for signal heroism in saving life,
April 15. 1883.

These medals should be appended to gold attachments,
together with six inches of very heavy crimson gros grain
ribbon of a suitable breadth, properly fixed to the latter,
so that the medals can be worn suspended on the
breasts of the recipients. You will transmit your

account, in duplicate, to this Office for the same.

Very respectfully,

R.E. Preston.

Acting Quicksilver.

Supet. Mint.

June 8, 1888.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

In reply to your letters of April 17th and 21st, in to the preparation of dies for the proposed coinage of silver for the Hawaiian Government I have to state that this Office has procured for the use of your Engraver a profile photograph of the King which is herewith enclosed.

I also transmit a copy of the authorization of Claus Spreckels Esq. of San Francisco to contract with the U. S. Government for the execution of this coinage.

I have submitted the designs forwarded in your communication to the minister of the Hawaiian Islands who approves of the obverse for all the denominations.

For the reverse of the dollar he has selected No. 1. with the full coat of arms; the inscription "100 cents" to be "I. D." or preferably "One Dol" if there is room for the latter, as cents are not common fractional parts of the Hawaiian dollar.

The motto "Wa Maw Ke Ea O Ka Aina I Ka Pono" and the denomination "Akahi Dala" should receive chief prominence.

For the half dollar and quarter dollar, reverse No. 2 is preferred with the English " $\frac{1}{2}$ D." or "Half Dol" and " $\frac{1}{4}$ D." or "Quar Dol" respectively, and with the Hawaiian denominations of Hapahua for the half dollar and Hapaha for the quarter dollar placed below the shield.

For the eighth dollar reverse No. 3. is chosen

the denomination Napamalu to be placed in the wreath and " $\frac{1}{8}$ " or "eighth dol" below the wreath.

The agent of the Hawaiian Government is exceedingly desirous that the coinage should be commenced at as early a date as is practicable, and you will please instruct your engraver to proceed without delay to commence the preparation of the hubs.

I will thank you to cause sketches of the designs as modified to be prepared and transmitted to this Office in order that I may submit them to Mr Sprickels.

I enclose the Hawaiian coat of arms etc. returned with your letter.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.
Philadelphia.

June 8. 1883.

Sir;

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Refinery and Standard Silver Dollar Expense Accounts with Abstracts and vouchers for the month ending April 30th 1883.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Hon Chas J. Folger.
Secretary of the Treasury

June 8. 1883.

Sir;

I have the honor to state that in making the adjustments between the appropriations for Wages of workmen, and Salaries of the Mint at Carson and the Assay Office at Helena, Montana, for the current fiscal year, under the decision of the First Comptroller

of the Treasury to the effect that the amounts paid from the appropriation for wages of Workmen under the Joint Resolutions of June 30, 1882, and subsequent dates for the service of persons subsequently appropriated for at salaries should be charged to the appropriation for salaries subsequently made, a sufficient amount was not left in the appropriation for salaries to pay the salaried officers and clerks for the year.

I would respectfully request that the sum of \$4.56 be transferred from the appropriation for Wages of Workmen, Minit at Carson, 1883, to the appropriation for salaries of the same Minit for the same year, and that the sum of \$1.71 be transferred from the appropriation for Wages of the Assay Office at Helena, Montana, for the fiscal year 1883 to the appropriation for Salaries of the same institution for the same year.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Assayer in charge.
St. Louis.

June 8, 1883.

Sir,

Referring to your Ordinary expense account for the month of April last. I desire to say that no account current appears to have been sent and I will thank you to prepare and forward one at as early a date as practicable.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Telegram Assayer in Charge
Denver Mint.

June 9. 1883.

Can you use New York exchange to make payment for gold deposits at your Mint? Answer.

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed.

Acting Quicks.

Supt. Mint.

June 9. 1883.

Barson.

Sir,

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of June, 1883, has been approved for the sum of \$128 96.32, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1883.	<u>\$1,996.32</u>
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Wages of Workmen.

Contingent Expenses.	1883	<u>900.</u>
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St. Silver Dollar		<u>10,000.</u>
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Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Quicks.

Similar letter except in amount addressed to

Assayer in Charge Denver. approved for the sum of \$1086.92

Salaries	1883	<u>358.68</u>
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Wages of Workmen	"	<u>728.29</u>
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Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Quicks.

Supt. Mint.

June 9. 1883.

San Francisco.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary and Refinery expense accounts with ad receipts and vouchers for the month ending May 31. 1883. Very respectfully, R. E. Preston.

Acting Quicks.

First Auditor.

June 9. 1883.

Treasury Department.

Sir;

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Ordinary, Refining^{and} Standard Silver Dollar & accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Carson Nev. for the month ending April 30th. 1883. rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully
R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge.

June 9. 1883.

Nelson A. Mont.

Sir;

Referring to your letter of January 21. 1883. in which you state that the amount appropriated for salaries would fall short \$1,71 and ask for instructions, I have to inform you that I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to have transferred from the appropriation for Wages of Workmen at your institution for the current fiscal year the amount named \$1,71, and to carry the same to the credit of the appropriation for salaries.

You will please make the proper entries on your books.

Very respectfully
R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

June 9. 1883.

Carson.

Sir;

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary, Refining^{and} Standard Silver dollar accounts for the month ending April 30. 1883 with my approval.

Very respectfully . R. C. Preston . Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

June 9, 1883.

Carson.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$ 2,000. to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Parting and refining bullion."

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

June 9, 1883.

Carson.

Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 1st instant I have approved an advance of ten thousand dollars from the appropriation contained in the Act Authorizing the coinage of the standard silver dollar to assist in completing the service of your Mint for the current fiscal year. I would say, however, that I desire that as small a portion of this amount shall be used for incidental expenses as may be possible.

~~The Commissioner's gold mintage will, of course, be paid from your Contingent Fund, and also a portion of this amount shall be used for incidental expenses as may be possible.~~

The coiners gold mintage will of course, be paid from your Contingent Fund, and also a portion of the Melters and Refiners gold mintage, but as nearly all the gold bullion delivered to the Melters and Refiners and operated upon during the last fiscal year required either parting or refining, I should think that the larger portion of it would be paid from the appropriation for Parting and Refining Bullion, as required by the Regulations.

Very respectfully R. C. Preston, Acting Director.

Supt. Minit.

June 9, 1883.

Carson.

Sir;

I return herewith for correction your quarterly statement of Earnings and Expenditures for the quarter ended March 31, 1883. I have corrected the amount collected for packing and refining charges, also the amount collected for melting, alloy and bar charges, to agree with your Bullion Accounts, as per my letter of yesterday.

I have also reduced the amount of your Contingent Expenses from \$5678.27 to \$5429.27 the difference being the cost of telephones, the purchase of which was not approved by the Director.

Please return this statement with the corrected one, in order to avoid the necessity of re-auditing the other items.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Minit.

June 9, 1883.

Carson.

Sir;

Referring to your letter of the 31st ultimo enclosing Certificate of Deposit No 987 for \$456 I have to inform you that the amount has been carried to the credit of the appropriation for Wages of Workmen at your Minit for the current fiscal year, and also that by warrant and counter-warrant, the same has been withdrawn from the appropriation for Wages and carried to the credit of the appropriation for Salaries. You will please make the proper corrections on your books.

Very respectfully

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mmit.

June 9, 1883.

New Orleans.

Sir;

Your letter of the 3rd instant stating that the meller and Refiner sends you a requisition for Three thousand pounds of copper with the information that the amount on hand will not suffice for the coinage allotment for the month has been received; and in reply I have to state that I have purchased Ten tons of copper, of Messrs Pope Cole & Co of Baltimore, which is to be delivered free of all charges to your Mmit. at $14\frac{7}{8}$ cents per pound. I am advised that the copper was shipped yesterday 8th instant.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mmit.

June 9, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

I am in receipt of a letter from Genl S. V. Benet requesting the the following Army Marksmanship Medals be struck and forwarded as early as practicable viz;

Division Prizes.
 3 Gold Medals First Prize Army Division Marksmanship
 9 " " Second " " "
 24 Silver Medals Third Class Prize " " "

Department Prizes.
 9 Gold Medals Army Department Marksmanship
 In all 21 Gold and 24 Silver Medals, total to be furnished 45.

I transmit herewith for your information copy of letter from General Benet ordering the Medals. You will please transmit your accounts with the Medals to this Office.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

Philadelphia.

June 9, 1883.

Sir;

Referring to your letter of the 8th instant in relation to Request of Deposit for the use of your Mint I have to say that requisition for same was made on the 21st day of April last, and I am assured they will be completed by the 1st proximo.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Quicksilver.

Supt. Mint.

San Francisco

June 9, 1883.

Sir;

The following coins received at your Mint for special assay during the month of May and forwarded to this office, have been received viz:

6 Double Eagles

\$ 120.

8 Std Silver Dollars.

8.

Total Value

\$ 128.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Quicksilver.

Hon Charles J. Folger.

Secretary of the Treasury.

June 9, 1883.

Sir;

I have the honor to transmit herewith memorandums and statement forwarded to this Office by the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia showing the tale value, net value and loss by pecuniage of incurrent silver coins transferred from the various Sub Treasuries for pecuniage from which it appears that the tale value was \$ 12,982³¹ and the Mint value \$ 12,361⁷⁵ showing

a loss of \$ 620.62 for which sum the Treasurer of the United States should be reimbursed.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Hon Charles J. Folger.

June 9, 1883.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Denver, Col. to that of the Mint at Philadelphia. Pa of the sum of Eighty Thousand and Forty Eight ³⁴/₁₀₀ Dollars \$ 80,048.34 in Gold Coin and Six Hundred and Forty-four ⁰⁵/₁₀₀ Dollars \$ 644.05 in silver coin, making a total of Eighty Thousand Six hundred and ninety-two ³⁹/₁₀₀ Dollars \$ 80,692.39 being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Mint at Denver for coinage as shown by Memorandum No 965, dated June 6, 1883 of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

First Auditor.

June 11, 1883.

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary Expense account of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office, at Denver Col for the month ending April 30th 1883, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.
Carson.

June 11. 1883.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 4th instant calling attention again to a charge of \$13.76 imposed on deposits for fine silver bars during the months of January and February 1883, being the additional charge of one-tenth of one cent per ounce gross, and inquiring how it shall be entered and deposited.

I would say that the subject matter of your letter is fully covered by my letter of the 8th instant, in which I stated that the sum of \$13.76 should have gone to the credit of parting and refining and instructed you to make a counter entry in your accounts for the current quarter.

In relation to the fine bar charge of one-quarter of a cent an ounce which you imposed I would again state, that it was collected contrary to the Regulations, and should be refunded to the depositor, as there is no fine bar charge on bullion requiring parting or refining.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

Carson.

June 11. 1883.

Sir:

Your letter of the 4th instant transmitting statements showing the amount of silver purchased, and the monthly statement of silver Bullion purchases, and coinage and transfers for the month of May has been received.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

June 11, 1883.

Carson.

Sir:

I have received your letter of June 4th transmitting two original Certificates of Deposit—No. 1006 for \$3,127.91 on account of parting and refining charges collected during May, and No. 1007 for \$26.78 on account of melting and alloy charges for the same period.

The certificate first named (No. 1006) has been forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Bullion Accounts, and the amount to be carried into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for Parting and refining bullion.

With reference to Certificate of Deposit No. 1007 I think it best to hold it for the present as it may be desirable to cover it in as parting and refining charges on account of the errors referred to in my letter of the 8th instant, in which I stated you had erroneously carried to the credit of "profit and loss" charges which should have gone to the credit of "parting and refining" and instructed you to transfer from your "profit and loss" account to your parting and refining account the amount erroneously carried to the former.

I will therefore hold this certificate until I hear from you further on this subject, as it may be necessary to carry the amount into the Treasury as a parting and refining earning in order to enable you to make all the corrections mentioned in your accounts for the current quarter.

It is very desirable that you should get a correct balance in your "profit and loss" and "parting and refining" accounts at the commencement of the fiscal year, and not have to make any counter-entries in next year's accounts to cover errors of the present year, and to do that it may require all the money at present to

the credit of your "profit and loss" account.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Austin.

Acting Director. ✓

J. S. Gordon, Esq.,
Crescent City,
Florida.

June 11, 1883.

Sir,

Your letter of the 5th instant addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury requesting certain information relative to the weight of U. S. Coin, and to coinage laws has been referred to this Bureau.

In reply I have to state as follows:

The Troy weight of <u>\$100</u> of copper cents is	35.00 ounces.
" " " " " nickel 5¢ pieces "	321.5 "
" " " " " Silver dollars "	85.9375.
" " " " " 1/2 " "	83.375 "
" " " " " 1/4 " "	80.375 "
" " " " " dimes "	80.375 "
" " " " " Gold Coin "	5.375 "

There is no mint price for a troy pound of pure copper, nickel or silver.

These metals are purchased ^{at} their market price, copper and nickel by the avoirdupois pound, and silver by the fine ounce. The price varies from time to time dependent upon supply and demand.

The mint price of gold is its bullion value, which does not fluctuate, and is 23.22 grains of fine gold to the dollar or \$248.06 per troy pound.

There is no mint charge for coinage of gold unless it requires parting refining or other operations rendering it suitable for that purpose. Silver is coined only on government account from bullion purchased for coinage.

I send you by current mail a pamphlet containing copies of all laws that have been passed by Congress

relative to coinage. Those relative to coinage I have marked in the index.

I also transmit a copy of instructions and regulations for transactions of business at the mints and assay offices in which you will find the charges for pitting and refining.

The power to coin money is vested in Congress by Section 8 of Article 1. of the Constitution of the United States.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Assayer in charge.

Denver.

June 11. 1883.

Sir;

I have this day requested that your bullion fund be increased by transfer of One hundred Thousand dollars and that the same be placed to your credit with the Colorado National Bank of Denver.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Assayer in charge

Denver.

June 11. 1883.

Sir;

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending April 30th 1883 with my approval.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Messenger in Charge.
Censor.

June 11, 1883.

Sir;

Referring to your letter of the 6th instant in reply to one from this office in relation to the purchase of 200 pads which you state are intended for use in making calculations of Bullion values &c. I desire to say that the Public Printer furnishes calculation blotters for the use of Mints and Assay Offices free of cost. I will thank you therefore to include them hereafter in your semi-annual requisitions for blanks.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

A. P. Fowler Esq.
 New Orleans.

June 11, 1883.

Sir;

I have received your letter of the 1st instant calling attention to the fact that Mr E. H. Barton, the Assistant-Coiner of the Mint at New Orleans, is not bonded.

I would state that the law does not render it necessary that the assistants should execute bonds, as it does the Superintendent and operative officers, but states that such bonds may be required, in such cases as the Superintendent shall determine with the approbation of the Director, or that the gentlemen named has not been illegally holding the position as you seem to suppose.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Johnson Bros.
1202 N. City

June 11, 1883.

Johnson Bros:

Your bill of the 8th instant for 2 tons of coal purchased for the use of the Laboratory in connection with this bureau amounting to \$12.96 has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.
New Orleans.

June 11, 1883.

Sir,

I forward herewith for payment upon the receipt of the copper in proper condition duplicate receipted bill of Messrs Pope, Cole & Co. for twenty casks of the best commercial copper. — 20,000 pounds at 14 7/8 cents per pound, — costing \$2,975 forwarded to you on the 8th instant.

This bill will be paid by you from money advanced you from the appropriation for the coinage of the standard silver dollar, and you will please forward the firm named a draft on New York for the amount.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

New Orleans.

June 11, 1883.

Sir;

I enclose herewith a blank form of official bond which you will please have Mr C. W. Barton the Assistant-Coiner at your Mint, execute in the sum of ten thousands and dollars, and forward to this Office.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

Philadelphia.

June 11, 1883.

Sir;

I enclose herewith designs for the attachments of the Life Saving Medals, sent here at the request of the Superintendent of the Life Saving Service for his inspection.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

Philadelphia.

June 11, 1883.

Sir;

Replying to your letter of the 9th instant requesting to be supplied with 500 blanks for the convenience of the Abstract Clerk of your Mint in making report of charges collected, I have to say, that if the blank is deemed of sufficient importance, you are authorized to have the same printed in your city.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Messrs Pope, Loole, & Co.
37 S. Gay St.
Baltimore.

June 11, 1883.

Gentlemen,

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 8th enclosing duplicate bill, and bill of lading for twenty casks of copper shipped the Minit at New Orleans on that day, costing \$2,975. I have to inform you that the bills have been referred to the Superintendent of the Minit at New Orleans with instructions to send you a draft for the amount on the receipt of the goods in proper order.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

The Proprietor of
"The Park Mining Record"
Park City, Utah.

June 11, 1883.

Sir,

I have received your bill in duplicate, for subscription to the Record from June 24th 1882 to June 24, 1883, amounting to three dollars.

Before approving it, I will thank you to inform me in whose favor the draft is to be drawn.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Royce & Marian.
1408 - Pa Ave.
City

June 11, 1883.

Gentlemen

Your bill of the 4th instant for 1 piece Carbon for battery purchased for the use of the Laboratory in connection with this office amounting to \$1.00 has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting

offices of the Department for examination and settlement.
In the course of ten days a draft for the amount
will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

W. S. Thompson, Esq.

703 15th St. City.

June 11, 1883.

Sir:

Your bill of the 9th inst. for chemicals purchased
for the use of the Laboratory in connection with
this bureau, amounting to \$20.78 has been approved
and referred to the proper accounting offices of
the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the
amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Similar letter except in articles and amount sent to.

Dr. Schneider & Son, 1759 Pa ave. City. Bill for
Hardware &c. amounting to \$37.97.

Hon Chas J. Folger.

Secretary of the Treasury.

June 11, 1883.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the Bullion Fund
of the U. S. Mint at Denver Colorado, be increased
One hundred thousand dollars by transfer of that
amount, and that the same be placed to the credit
of the Assayer in charge of said Mint with the
Colorado National Bank of Denver.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

W. J. Woodruff, Esq.
New Orleans.

June 11, 1883.

Sir;

In reply to your letter of the 4th inst. stating that during the time you were employed in the U. S. Mint at New Orleans you made two hours "overtime" every day, and asking if you are not entitled to pay for the same; I have to state that you should have made your claim at the time to the Superintendent, as there is now no appropriation from which you could be paid.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Telegram. Sup't. Mint.

June 12, 1883.

New Orleans.

Your requisition for funds for June, has not been received. Forward at once.

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed.

Acting Director.

Sup't. Mint.

June 12, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

Referring to your letter of the 6th instant in regard to the time of advertising for proposals for wood, I have to say that inasmuch as the Director has already decided that the contract for wood should be made to cover the same period as that for other supplies, I do not deem it advisable to make any change.

In regard to the coal required for milling purposes, I have to state that under the terms of the advertisement, the right to reject any and all bids as may be deemed best for the interests of the Government is reserved.

I recognize fully the force of your remarks in regard

to the character of the coal required for melting, and whatever action you may take in regard to this matter upon the bids received, will be approved by this office.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

June 12, 1883.

Carson.

Sir,

As soon as you discontinue the receipt of deposits to be entered on your abstract sheet and taken up in your accounts for the current quarter, I will thank you to deposit the charges collected of depositors for "parting, refining, and toughening bullion", and forward the original certificate to this Office, in order that, if possible, the total charges collected for parting and refining bullion during the fiscal year may be carried to the credit of the appropriation for that purpose during the year, and that the balance shown by the books of the Treasury Department on the 1st of July 1883, may be the exact balance to the credit of that fund at the close of the fiscal year.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Similar letter addressed to,

✓ Supt. Mint.

✓ Philadelphia, Pa.

✓ " "

New Orleans, La.

✓ " "

✓ San Francisco, Cal.

✓ Supt. Assay Office.

New York, N. Y.

Mr. Geo. Morgan.
Philadelphia.

June 12, 1883

Sir;

Referring to your letter of the 22nd ultimo, I have to state that it is desired that the shoes for the Ajax Press at the Reason Mint, be finished complete, and that new pins be made and forwarded with the same, hardened, and ready for immediate use.

I enclose herewith a drawing, showing the beam of the press as it is now, and invite your attention to a copy of letter received from the Superintendent of the Reason Mint, and will thank you to furnish the information therein requested.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Quicks.

Supt. Mint.

Philadelphia.

June 12, 1883.

Sir;

In reply to your letter of the 11th inst, I have to state that cases will be required for the Army Marksmanship Medals as heretofore.

Very respectfully

R. C. Preston.

Acting Quicks. ✓

Supt. Mint.

Philadelphia.

June 12, 1883.

Sir;

I have to request that you will inform me at what time you will be ready to commence the delivery of bullion in settlement at your Mint, in order that a representative of this Office may be present.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston. Acting Quicks.

Supt. Mint.

June 12, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir,

Referring to your telegram of this date asking for blank bonds to accompany proposals for supplies for the use of your Mint, I have to say, that there are none on hand, and as it would require nearly a month to supply them from here, you can have a sufficient quantity to serve your purpose printed. I enclose a sample.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Messrs. Farley, Paul & Baker,

June 12, 1883.

530. Market Street.

Philadelphia.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your note of yesterday, I have to state that the special report of the Director for the calendar year 1882 will be ready for distribution probably by September 1st.

Mr. Spidmore's address is 320 Sansome Street
Room 23. San Francisco

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

June 12, 1883.

San Francisco.

Sir,

C. I. No 1018 for \$176.13 being on account of alloy charges collected in May, 1883 enclosed in your communication of the 5th instant, has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and

the amount to be entered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint

June 12, 1883.

San Francisco.

Sir:

C.O. No 1019 for \$112.73 being on account of melting charges in May 1883, enclosed in your communication of the 5th instant, has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts and the amount to be entered into the Treasury as a "miscellaneous receipt."

Very respectfully

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint

June 12, 1883.

San Francisco.

Sir:

C.O. No 1020 for \$12,358.48, being on account of refining earnings in May 1883, enclosed in your communication of the 5th inst has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts and the amount to be entered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for "Parting and Refining bullion."

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.
San Francisco.

June 12, 1883.

Sir,

You are hereby instructed to deposit the charges collected of depositors each month in two certificates instead of three or more. One to include the charges for "Paying refining, and treasuring" the other to include charges for "Minting, alloy and bars"

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Assayer in charge.
St. Louis.

June 12, 1883.

Sir,

As requested in your letter of the 9th instant, I have this day caused to be mailed to you 200 "Certificates of Gold deposits # 4. G."

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Telegram.

Assayer in charge.
Boise City.

June 13, 1883.

Only two hundred and twenty-five dollars can be advanced you this month for wages and incidentals.

You must not incur expenses in excess of amount advanced you.

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed

Acting Director.

Telegram.

Supt. Mint. Philadelphia.

June 13, 1883.

Copy of letter from Chief of Ordnance enclosed you in my letter of June 9th specifies medals to be furnished with bars, pins and cases. Do not understand what you mean by riders.

Confirmed.

R. E. Preston Acting Director.

Telegram.

Assayer in charge.

Helena.

June 13, 1883.

Leave of absence granted for thirty days, as requested.
Quicksilver will probably not reach Helena before the
latter part of July.

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed.

Acting Quicksilver. ✓

Telegram.

Supt. Mint.

San Francisco.

June 13, 1883.

Statement number One hundred and ninety-three for January
not received. Forward immediately.

Note You have been instructed to send duplicates with
your bulletin q's which is not done.

R. E. Preston

Confirmed

Acting Quicksilver. ✓

William Bell Esq.

439. N. Gay Street.

Baltimore.

June 13, 1883.

Sir:

The special report of the Quicksilver for 1882 will not be
ready for distribution before September 1st. There is no
report for 1879.

The Silver Commission Report can be obtained only
from some member of Congress who has not distrib-
uted his allotment. A copy of the report of the Inter-
national Monetary Commission can be obtained by
applying to the State Department.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Acting Quicksilver. ✓

Assayer in Charge.

June 13, 1883.

Boice Cochrane

Sir;

I have approved your requisition for funds for the current month for the sum of \$472.20, as follows:

✓ Salary, 1883. -----	<u>\$247.20</u>
Wages and Contingent 1883 -----	<u>225.</u>

I have also requested that the advance be made special, so that the draft may reach you before the close of the month.

I would state that of the amount appropriated for Wages and Contingent Expenses of your Office for the current fiscal year only \$44.72 will remain in the Treasury after this advance. I have deemed it best to reserve this amount to pay any bills of the Railroad Companies which may come in for the transportation of supplies consigned to your care.

I telegraphed you to-day that no expenses should be incurred in excess of the amount advanced you. As you are probably aware that a change of offices has been decided upon by the President at your institution, you will please be careful not to incur any expenses; ^{for wages, or for incidentally} in excess of the amount advanced you today and whatever funds you may have on hand belonging to that appropriation.

As the wages of workmen at your Office amount to about \$335. a month, it may be necessary for you to suspend some of the workmen for a portion of the month, but at any rate you will please see that all bills for supplies furnished are paid before the 30th of June, and that no obligation is incurred on account of work performed in excess of the funds in your hands to liquidate it.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge.

Boice City.

June 13. 1883.

Sir,

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, payment to be made from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your institution for the current fiscal year, a bill of the Central Pacific Railroad for the transportation in the month of January 1883, from San Francisco to Kilton, of one box of Assayer's materials consigned to your care, amounting to \$1.78.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Supt. Minit.

Carson City.

June 13. 1883.

Sir,

The following coins received at your Minit during the month of May for special assay, and forwarded to this office have been received, viz:

2 Double Eagles.

\$40.00

3 St. Silver Dollars

3.00

Total Value

43.00

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director ✓

Southwick Guthrie, Esq.

June 13. 1883.

Representative Central Pacific R. R.

Room 91 Concord Bldg. City.

Sir,

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and payment, a bill of the Central Pacific Railroad Company for the transportation of supplies in the month of January

1883 from San Francisco to Kellon, Utah, consigned to the care of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City, Idaho, amounting to \$1.78.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

June 13, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

In reply to your letter of yesterday in relation to the difference of twenty dollars between the amount of draft No 21,322 and the amount which you claim should have been to the credit of your appropriation, I would state that the amount refunded to your appropriation on account of your bill against the Treasury for manufacturing the counting boards and hopper for the Assistant Treasurer at Philadelphia was \$172.93, and not \$192.93 as you seem to suppose.

I enclose herewith for your information a copy of your letter forwarding the bill, in which you state the amount to be \$172.93. The bill itself has gone to the files of the Register's Office, but was undoubtedly for the amount which I have stated, as your letter and the records of this Office and the Secretary's Office show.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

June 13, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz: 2,000 Circulars to Applicants for minor coins No. 236.

Very respectfully R. C. Preston. Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

June 13, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 12th inst., transmitting sketches of the designs for the proposed Hawaiian coinage. As it is desired that the coinage should be commenced as early a day as possible, and in view of the fact that the time of the engravers is very fully occupied in the regular work of the Mint, the engraving of the hubs should be done both in Government time, and in the engravers time, before and after hours, so far as it does not conflict with Section 25 P. 24 of the Instructions and Regulations.

A portion of the work will necessarily have to be done in the Mint with Mint tools and machinery. An account therefore should be kept of the portion of the cost of the hubs to be paid to the Government and to the engravers respectively.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

June 13, 1883.

San Francisco.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon special assay coins taken from the first delivery in each week at your Mint during the month of April 1883, forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge.
St. Louis, Mo.

June 13, 1883.

Sir;

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of the 11th instant enclosing an Account Current for the month of May for file with your Ordinary Expense Account, I have to inform you that I requested this paper to be furnished to accompany your account for the month of April as you will observe by referring to my letter of the 8th inst. Please cause it to be forwarded without delay.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston

Acting Director.

B. F. Stevens, Esq.

June 13, 1883.

4 Trafalgar Square, Charing Cross.
London W. C. England.

Sir;

Upon the expiration of the subscription of this Office to the following periodicals you will renew the same transmitting your accounts in duplicate to this Bureau for settlement.

Chemical News	year ending	Sept. 8, 1884
Economist	" "	June 8, 1884
Bankers Magazine	" "	Sept. 1884
Statistical Society's Journal	" "	July 1884
Journal des Economistes	" "	June 30, 1884

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Claus Spreckels, Esq.
San Francisco.

June 13, 1883.

Sir,

I have instructed the Engraver of the Mint at Philadelphia to proceed without delay to prepare the hubs for the dies for the Hawaiian coinage.

I enclose herewith sketches of the proposed designs, and also a diagram showing the sizes of the various coins.

The obverse will be used for all; the full coat of arms can be placed only on the dollar; the half and quarter will have the shield; and the eighth dollar a wreath and crown.

I think these designs will make very handsome coins and trust that they will be to your satisfaction.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Albert Williams Jr.
U. S. Geol. Survey.

June 13, 1883.

Sir,

In response to your letter of the 12th instant, I transmit herewith an estimate of the production of gold and silver in the United States during the calendar year 1882.

The production since January 1st 1883 has continued at about the same rate as in 1882. In some states there has been a slight increase, and in others a trifling decrease, but the average rate can be said to have been maintained.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Telegram. Boston & Colorado Smelting Company. June 14, 1883.
Denver Colo.

Your offer accepted for Philadelphia at one hundred cts.
and one half cents per ounce fine.

R. E. Preston.
Acting Director

Confirmed.

Telegram. Supt. Minit. June 14, 1883.
Carson.

Bryson's offer declined.

R. E. Preston.
Acting Director.

Confirmed.

Telegram. Gilbert Clements. June 14, 1883.
San Francisco, Cal.

Your offer accepted.

R. E. Preston.
Acting Director.

Confirmed.

Telegram. Handy & Cronie. June 14, 1883.
24 Nassau Street.
New York.

Your offer of one hundred thousand ounces accepted
for New Orleans and offer of fifty thousand ounces accepted
for Philadelphia.

R. E. Preston.
Acting Director.

Confirmed

Telegram. Supt Minit June 14, 1883.
New Orleans, La.

Receive one hundred thousand ounces from Handy and
Cronie at one hundred ten and forty nine hundredth
cents per ounce fine.

R. E. Preston.
Acting Director.

Confirmed.

Telegram. Supt. Mint.

June 14, 1883.

San Francisco.

✓ Receive from Gilbert Clements twenty thousand ounces at one hundred and fifty-five hundredths cents per ounce.

R. C. Preston.

Confirmed.

Acting Director. ✓

Telegram. J & W. Seligman & Co.

June 14, 1883.

New York.

Your offer accepted.

R. C. Preston.

Confirmed.

Acting Director. ✓

First Auditor

June 14, 1883.

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary Refining, and Standard Silver Dollar Expense accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia for the month ending April 1883, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Messrs. Farley Paul and Baker.

June 14, 1883.

1530 Market St.

Philadelphia.

Gentlemen.

In reply to your letter of yesterday relative to being furnished with advance sheets of the report of the Director, I have to state that none have been received by this Office. The synopsis referred to, was prepared for the Associated Press prior to the manuscript passing out of our control and into the hands of the Public Printer. No copy was retained, and I am unable

to do more than promise you one of the first copies received which possibly may be by August 1st.

Very respectfully.

Acting Director.

Thos. Gordon Esq.

61 Bdsing.

New York.

June 14, 1883.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 11th instant requesting to be furnished with a copy of an abstract of the forthcoming special report of the Director upon the production of precious metals in the United States.

The abstract referred to was prepared for the Associated Press and no copy was retained by this Office.

As the manuscript is now in the custody of the government printer, I am unable to prepare an abstract for you, and the best I can do is to transmit the enclosed taken from a city paper which published the abstract in full as furnished to the Associated Press.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt Mint.

Philadelphia.

June 14, 1883.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for, as may be preferred, either in silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in silver dollars to int. of.

<u>Boston and Colorado Smelting Co</u>	30,000 ounces at \$.	<u>110.50</u>
<u>J & W. Seligman & Co</u>	30,000 " "	<u>110.50</u>
<u>Gandy & Brown</u>	50,000 " "	<u>110.49</u>

Very respectfully

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Supt. Mint.

June 14, 1883.

Philadelphia

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary Refining & Standard Silver Dollar accounts for the month ending April 30th 1883 with my approval.

Very respectfully

R. C. Preston. ✓

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

June 14, 1883.

San Francisco.

Sir:

I return herewith for proper endorsement Gold Mint Receipt No 3179. issued to Hellman, Peck & Co.

Also Gold Mint Receipt No 3761. marked "Duplicate".

I would inquire by what authority you are authorized to issue a duplicate Mint Receipt.

The method of receiving the amount due on the certificate when the receipt is lost is prescribed, and should have been followed.

Also Gold Mint Receipt No 4013 improperly endorsed.

Also Certificate of Gold Deposit No. 3767, and accompanying Mint Receipt.

The total value of the deposit called for by the mode of payment is \$6,415.83 while the amount called for in the body of the certificate is \$5,415.83.

It will be necessary for you to furnish authority for E. S. Eldridge to sign as Acting Cashier of the Pacific Bank. His signature occurs not only in this case but in a number of other receipts embraced in these accounts.

Also Certificate of Silver Purchase No 373. The amount called for under the mode of payment is \$510.92, while the amount called for in the body of the certificate is \$510.82.

Very respectfully,
R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Colorado Mining Bulletin.

June 15, 1889.

Buena Vista, Colo.

Sir,

Please send to the Bureau of the Mint Washington D. C. for one year, a copy of your weekly paper, and transmit a bill in duplicate for the same for adjustment and settlement.

Very respectfully

R. C. Preston. Acting Director.

Similar letter addressed to

<u>Wood River Times.</u>	Hailey Idaho.
<u>Denver Republican.</u>	Denver, Colo.
<u>Evening Leader</u>	Eucla, Nev.
<u>Gumison Co Mining Journal</u>	Gumison Colo.
<u>Headleys Pointers</u>	Las Vegas, N. M.
<u>Idaho World.</u>	Idaho City Idaho.
<u>La Plata Miner</u>	Silverton Colo.
<u>Lake Valley Herald.</u>	Lake Valley N. M.
<u>Mining Gazette</u>	Idaho Springs, Colo.
<u>Mining Gazette</u>	Canon City, Colo.
<u>Register Call.</u>	Central City Colo.
<u>Salt Lake Tribune</u>	Salt Lake City Utah.
<u>True Licenser</u>	Gandalaria, Nev.
<u>Territorial Enterprise</u>	Virginia City Nev.

Arizona Star.

June 15, 1883.

Luscan Arizona.

Sir:

Upon the expiration of the subscription of this Bureau to your paper, please renew the same for one year and transmit your bill in duplicate for adjustment and settlement.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston Acting Director.

Similar letter addressed to

<u>Bedrock Democrat.</u>	Baker City Oregon.
<u>Colorado Miner</u>	Georgetown Colo.
<u>Globe Chronicle</u>	Globe Arizona.
<u>Leadville Herald.</u>	Leadville, Colo.
<u>Pinak Grill</u>	Pinak City, Arizona.
<u>The Park Mining Record.</u>	Park City Utah.
<u>Tombstone Epitaph</u>	Tombstone, Arizona.
<u>Weekly Inter Mountain</u>	Butte City, Montana.

Wm. Ballantyne & Son.

June 16, 1883.

428.7 Ch St.

City.

Gentlemen:

Your bill of the 12th instant for books purchased for the use of this bureau amounting to \$7.60 has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officials of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Hon William Lawrence.

June 15. 1883.

First Comptroller.

Treasury Department.

Sir;

I have the honor to state that the amount carried to the credit of the appropriation for salaries of the U. S. Mint at Carson for the current fiscal year, by appropriation warrant, namely \$28,974.66, is not sufficient to pay the salaries fixed by law at that institution by the sum of \$4,515, and that the amount carried to the credit of the appropriation for salaries of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Montana, for the same year, by appropriation warrant namely \$7,758.22 is not sufficient by the sum of \$1.71 to pay the salaries fixed by law at that institution. These deficiencies arise from the method pursued in making the adjustments of the amounts appropriated under the Joint Resolutions of June 30. 1882 and subsequent dates, and the amounts appropriated in the Appropriation Act of August 5. 1882.

It would appear to have been the intention of Congress in making the appropriations that each officer should receive the full amount fixed by law as the salary of his office, and as the disbursing officers of the Government are required by the controlling officers to use the Government salary tables as the rule for paying persons in civil employments who receive annual or quarterly salaries. I would respectfully inquire whether a sufficient sum should not be placed to the credit of the appropriations for salaries of these institutions, by appropriation warrants to complete the service of the year, or if not, what steps should be taken to secure to the salaried officers of those institutions the amounts due them as fixed by law.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Prentiss, Acting Director.

Supt. Assay Office.
New York.

June 16, 1883.

Sir;

C. D. No. 2161 for \$600.08 being on account of charges for melting, alloy & bars during April & May 1883, enclosed in your communication of the 13th inst. has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Assay Office.
New York.

June 15, 1883.

Sir;

C. D. No. 2162 for \$15067.82 being on account of parting and refining charge collected in April and May 1883, enclosed in your communication of the 13th instant has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for "Parting and Refining bullion".

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.
New Orleans.

June 15, 1883.

Sir;

I have requested that the sum of \$18,004.54 be advanced you to meet the expenses of your Mint during the current month payable from the following appropriation

Sigs:

Salaries	\$4,060.56
Wages	2,001.19
Contingent	3,442.79
Coinage of Standard Silver Dollars	8,500.00

The amount advanced you for contingent expenses is the correct balance to the credit of that appropriation.

I have increased your requisition for an advance from the appropriation for the Coinage of the Standard Silver Dollar from \$5,400 to \$8,500, on account of the bill for copper which was forwarded to you a few days ago for payment from this fund.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

June 15th. 1883.

New Orleans.

Sir:

I enclose herewith for payment from your appropriation for Contingent Expenses, a bill of A. Snowden, Snowden Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia amounting to \$173. for expenses incurred in traveling from Philadelphia to your city and return, under instructions from this Office.

You will please include this bill as a voucher in your Ordinary Expense Account for the current month and retain the duplicate herewith forwarded.

Please forward a draft to Col. Snowden for the amount at once.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

June 16, 1883.

New Orleans.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary and Standard Silver dollar Expense accounts with Abstracts and Vouchers for the month ending May 31st. 1883

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Supt. Mint.

June 16, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 14th instant relative to the engraving of the hubs for the Hawaiian Coinage.

In my letter of the 13th instant I suggested that the engravers should work during Mint hours, so far as practicable, as well as in their own time, simply for the purpose of expediting the business as much as possible, as the agent of the Hawaiian Government is exceedingly desirous that the coinage should commence at an early date.

I may say that the cost of manufacturing the hubs mentioned in your former letter \$ 2,000 is entirely satisfactory.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Supt. Mint.

June 15, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the Superintendent of the Mint at New Orleans with instructions to send you a draft for the amount, your bill for traveling

expenses from Philadelphia to New Orleans and return amounting to \$173. In the course of a week a draft for the amount will probably reach you.

Very respectfully

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

First Auditor

June 16, 1883

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Bullion accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans for the quarter ending March 31st. 1883. tendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Supt. Mint.

June 16, 1883.

Carson City.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary, Refining and Standard Silver Dollar Expense accounts with Abstracts and Vouchers for the month ending May 31st. 1883.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Assayer in charge.

June 16, 1883.

Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I have this day requested that your bullion fund be increased Twelve thousand dollars by transfer of that amount. Of this sum, Ten thousand dollars is

placed to your credit with the U. S. Assistant Treasurer at New York, and the balance, Five thousand dollars, will be transmitted you.

Very respectfully,
R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

L. Casella, Esq.

June 16, 1883.

147 Nolborn.

London, E. C.

Sir;

In your catalogue of instruments on page 64. I find ^{or calculating machine giving the product,} an Arithmometer, or quotient of 12 figures, quotient of faces, price 18 £.

I will thank you to give me a full description of this machine, and if you have them, forward a photograph of the same.

Very respectfully,
R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

J. P. Dillingham, Esq.

June 16, 1883.

Leaborough N. C.

Sir;

Your postal card of the 12th instant addressed to the Director of the Mint Philadelphia requesting a copy of the report for the past year, has been forwarded to this Office by the Superintendent.

In response I transmit you by current mail a copy of the last Annual report of the Director.

Very respectfully,
R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

June 16, 1883.

New Orleans.

Sir:

I return herewith for correction as indicated in pencil, your statement of Earnings and Expenditures for the quarter ended March 31, 1883.

The parting and refining charges called for by the abstract sheet of your Bullion Accounts for the same period amount to \$93.40 instead of \$92.07 as you have entered, and the melting, alloy and bar charges embraced on the same sheet amount to \$318.18 instead of \$319.17.

The expenses of distributing standard silver dollars, according to the bills of the Express Company for the quarter should be \$11,623.18, instead of \$11,621.78.

Please return this statement with corrected one at once.

Very respectfully

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

June 16, 1883.

New Orleans.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Bullion Accounts for the quarter ending March 31st 1883, with my approval.

Very respectfully

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mmt.
New Orleans.

June 16, 1883.

Sir;

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States in your name, on account of the profits on the coinage of standard silver dollars, the sum of three hundred and twenty-six thousand, three hundred and seventy three dollars and fifty-four cents, \$326,373.54, and that your Bullion Fund be increased by a transfer of that amount.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mmt.
Philadelphia.

June 16, 1883.

Sir;

C. I. No. 5742 for \$927.16 being on account of refining charges collected in May 1883. enclosed in your communication of the 15th instant has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury personal credit to be given you in your bullion account, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for Parting & Refining Bullion.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt Mmt
Philadelphia.

June 16, 1883.

Sir;

C. I. No. 5743 for \$94.84 being on account of charges other than ^{parting &} refining collected in May 1883. enclosed in your communication of the 15th instant has been received, properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary

of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your
bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into
the Treasury as a "miscellaneous receipt".

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Hon Chas. J. Folger,

June 16, 1883.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that the Bullion Fund of
the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte, N. C. be increased
fifteen thousand dollars, by a transfer of that amount,
and that of this sum, ten thousand dollars be placed
to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said Assay
Office, with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States
at New York and that the balance, five thousand
dollars be transmitted to him in lawful money
as follows:

In silver dollars, One thousand dollars in four
dollar notes, Two thousand dollars in ten dollar
notes, Two thousand dollars.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Hon Chas. J. Folger,

June 16, 1883.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that you will cause to
be deposited in the Treasury of the United States in the
name of A. W. Smyth, Superintendent of the Mint of
the U. S. at New Orleans, the sum of three hundred and
twenty six thousand, three hundred and seventy three
dollars and fifty-four cents (\$326,373.54, being the net
profit on the coinage of standard silver dollars for

The quarter ended March 31, 1883, and that the Bullion Fund of said Mint be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Auditor.

Assayer in Charge.
Boise City.

June 18, 1883.

Sir:

In preparing your annual statement of Earnings and Expenditures I will thank you to show separately the amount expended by you and the amount of bills paid at the Department by warrant and draft relating to your institution, of which you have been advised, so that the expenses under each head will agree with the sum of your four quarterly statements of Earnings and Expenditures for the year, and the additional amount can be checked from the books of this Office. This will enable us to locate any difference which may arise between your statement and the records of the Department more exactly.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Auditor.

Similar letter addressed to,

✓ U. S. Assay Office

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✓ Assayer in Charge

Charlotte. N. C.

St. Louis. Mo.

New York N. Y.

Melena. Mont.

Carson. Ner.

New Orleans. La.

Philadelphia Pa.

✓ San Francisco Cal.

Denver Colo.

Supt. Mint.
Carson.

June 18, 1883.

Sir;

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement a bill of the Central Pacific Railway Company for the transportation, from San Francisco to Reno of certain supplies consigned to your Mint in the month of January 1883, amounting to \$1031.67, of which \$34.63 is properly payable from the appropriation for Parting and Refining Bullion, and I have requested that the remainder, \$997.04 be paid from the appropriation contained in the act authorizing the Coinage of the standard silver dollar. I enclose duplicate bills of lading.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Southwick Quicke

June 18, 1883.

Representative Central Pacific R. R.

Room 91 Corcoran Bldg. City.

Sir;

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement a bill of the Central Pacific Railway Company, bearing date of February 15, 1883, for the transportation of certain supplies in the month of January 1883, from San Francisco to Reno, consigned to the Superintendent of the Mint at Carson, amounting to \$1031.67.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

June 18, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 15th instant in relation to the preparation of a general ledger, to be posted daily from the books of original entry and abstract sheets, and the abolition of a journal. I would state that I should think that the plan proposed would be an admirable one, and most heartily approve of it, or any plans that you may think best for keeping your accounts. Authority is hereby given you to have the ledger prepared in your city.

I would state in this connection that we are having printed at the Government Printing Office a form of journal-ledger prepared by the Book Keeper of the Mint at San Francisco. It is a very elaborate and complete system, and if you desire I will send you the printed headings for comparison or adoption, as you may think best; but I will not forward them unless you wish it.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Hon Chas J. Folger,

June 18, 1883.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City Idaho, to that of the Mint at San Francisco, Cal., of the sum of Eight thousand, nine hundred and four ⁰⁰/₁₀₀ Dollars, (\$8906.40) in gold coin, and One hundred and fifty-six ⁵⁸/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$156.58) in silver coin, making a total of Nine thousand and sixty-two ⁵⁸/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$9062.58) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the

Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at
Peking City for coinage as shown by Memoranda,
Nos 8037-8038, dated May 11, 1883, of Gold Bullion
deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston

Acting Director. ✓

Supt. Mint,

June 19th 1883.

Carson.

Sir,

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon special
assay coin taken from the first deliveries in each mite
at your Mint during the month of May 1883 and
forwarded for test as prescribed by the regulations.

The coin were found to be within the legal
limits of tolerance.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Similar letter addressed to,

Supt. Mint.

✓ San Francisco.

Assayer in charge

June 19, 1883.

Charlotte N. C.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 18th instant, asking
for instructions in relation to closing the business of
the year and ascertaining and entering in your
accounts what your profits or losses may have been
on bullion shipped the Mint, I have to say that
you will take credit in your accounts for the
quarter ending June 30th for only such collection
charges as are deducted at the Mint on ^{the} bullion
actually transferred during the quarter. But you
will save your estimate of the gain or loss upon

all of the shipments of the year, whether they have been transferred or not; that is to say, you will ship all of the bullion deposited during the year prior to its close, and the difference between the value ascertained and allowed at Philadelphia and that ascertained and paid at your institution will be a gain or loss, to be settled in your profit and loss account, and also the difference between all of the charges for the Mint at your institution and the charges deducted at the Mint, and this gain or loss will include all of the shipments of the year, whether they have been transferred or not; but the amount entered as "collection charges forwarded the Mint" during the quarter will only be the amount deducted at the Mint on the transfer of the quarter.

You will forward with your Bullion Accounts a statement, in detail showing the shipments of the year and the losses or gains, to enable the accounting officers to check the entry in your "profit and loss" account.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Claus Spreckles, Esq.

June 20, 1883.

San Francisco, Cal.

Please return designs for Hawaiian coinage sent you, on 13th instant as early possible.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

+ Supt. Mint, Philadelphia.

June 20, 1883.

The designs for Hawaiian coinage were sent to San Francisco for the inspection of Claus Spreckles agent of that Government. As soon as returned by him will be forwarded to you.

R. E. Preston Acting Director.

First Auditor.

Treasury Depart.

June 20, 1883.

Sir;

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary expense account of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at St Louis, Mo. for the month ending April 30th 1883. rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director

James T. Conley, 2nd

June 20, 1883.

M. C. Ronayne, Esq.

Carroll, Dakota.

Sinto:

Your letter of the 16th instant enclosing a small fraction of a five dollar national bank note, which you state was accidentally burned, and requesting the issue of a new note in its place, has been received. I have referred your letter to the Treasurer of the United States, to whom you should have addressed the same.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Hon William Lawrence.

June 20, 1883

First Comptroller

U. S. Treasury.

Sir;

I transmit ^{herewith} for file in your Office the official bond of Norman H. Camp as Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City Idaho, executed in the sum of \$20,000. and bearing date of May 28th 1883.

Very respectfully R. E. Preston. Acting Director

Supt. Mint.

June 20, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 19th instant requesting to be furnished with the printed forms of the journal-ledger which is being prepared at the Government Printing Office for the use of the Mint at San Francisco, I would state that I have sent a message to the Printing Office and am informed that the book is in the hands of the binders and that the type has been distributed.

I enclose, however for your information the printed headings of the pages of most of the accounts.

The set which I send you was prepared in this Office by the Director for the purpose of preparing a suitable book for keeping the accounts of the Mint generally. It is substantially the same as that prepared by Mr. Wheaton.

I will thank you, therefore, to return the sheets sent you herewith to this Office after you are through with them. They can be used by a printer if you wish, but must be returned.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Supt. Mint.

June 20, 1883.

San Francisco.

Sir,

Requisition has this day been made upon the Printer for Blank Circulars to Postmasters, Express Offices, and Shipping Stations, and as requested in your letter of the 12th inst. 2,000 copies will be mailed you as soon as received.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Supt. Mint.
San Francisco.

June 20, 1883.

Sir;

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

4,500 Circulars to mine owners.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge,
St Louis Mo.

June 20, 1883.

Sir;

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the department for examination and settlement your Ordinary expense account for the month ending April 30 A 1883. with my approval.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.
San Francisco.

June 25, 1883.

Sir;

I return herewith for correction your statement of Earnings and Expenditures for the quarter ended March 31, 1883.

The amount expended for panning and refining as shown by your accounts was \$31,812.87, instead of \$23,812.87 as entered in your statement.

Please return this statement with corrected one, to facilitate checking the items.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Boston & Colorado Smelting Co.

June 21, 1883.

Denver, Colo.

✓ Your offer accepted for Philadelphia at one hundred eleven
and forty-eight hundredths cents per ounce fine.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Wandy & Cronin.

June 21, 1883.

24 Nassau Street.

New York.

✓ One hundred thousand ounces of your offer accepted for
New Orleans, and two hundred thousand ounces accepted
for Philadelphia.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Supt. Mint.

June 21, 1883.

New Orleans.

✓ Receive one hundred thousand ounces from Wandy & Cronin
at one hundred eleven and forty-seven hundredths cents per
ounce.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Supt. Mint.

June 21, 1883.

San Francisco.

✓ Correct in San Francisco papers production by counties
incorrectly reported by me. Sierra County is One million
one hundred thousand and Nevada County Three million
five hundred thousand.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

J & W. Seligman & Co.
New York.

June 21, 1883.

Your offers accepted.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Quicks.

Grimmerman & Lorchay.

June 21, 1883.

19 Wall Street.

New York.

If you offer Mexican dollars, and upon delivery at the Mint it is found after melting and assay, it is necessary to touchen or refine them, charges will be imposed for these operations.

Cannot consent to receive them on any other terms.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Quicks.

First Auditor.

June 21, 1883.

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit ^{through} for examination and settlement, the Ordinary and Refinery Expense accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco for the month ending May 31st. 1883. rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston

Acting Quicks.

First Auditor.

June 21, 1883.

Treasury Department

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Bullion accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Assay Office at New York for the quarter ending

Dec. 31. 1882 rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

A. J. Becke

Philadelphia

Gentlemen:

June 21. 1883.

I desire to procure, for the use of the Laboratory of this Office, a microscope, and have authorized the Assayer of the Bureau to select such a one, as in his judgement is required, and he will for this purpose call upon you.

Should it be necessary to import one, upon notification by you of its arrival in this country, the Secretary of the Treasury will be requested to cause the same to be admitted free of duty. It must therefore be understood that the price charged for the same must be with the duty off.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Patrick Hamilton Esq.

Tucson, Arizona.

June 21. 1883.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 10th instant requesting to be furnished with a statement of the annual yield of Arizona in the precious metals since the Gadsden purchase.

This Office has had charge of the collecting of mining statistics only since the year 1880.

The following is the production for that year as well as for 1881 and 1882.

	Gold	Silver.
1880.	<u>\$ 400,000</u>	<u>\$ 2,000,000</u>
1881	<u>1,060,000</u>	<u>7,300,000</u>
1882	<u>1,065,000</u>	<u>7,500,000</u>

I regret that I have no official figures for any other period.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Thomas Gordon, Esq.
61 Broadway
New York.

June 21, 1883.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 15th instant, enclosing a newspaper slip containing an estimate of the production of California by counties, I have to state that the figures given for two of the counties Nevada and Sierra — are incorrect, probably through an error in telegraphing. Nevada County should be \$ 3,500,000, and Sierra \$ 1,110,000.

In response to your request for a pamphlet copy of the coinage laws I transmit it to you by current mail.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Acting Director. ✓

Thomas Gordon.
61 Broadway
New York

June 21, 1883.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 17th instant, requesting information in regard to the consumption of gold in the arts and manufactures.

The estimate of seventy-five millions appearing in the Director's report was his own estimate, and in his absence, I am unable to say whether he

included the amount exported to India or not.

In regard to the average amount consumed for the last six calendar years I may say that the estimate appearing in the Auditor's report for 1881 was based upon the amount of gold and silver furnished by the New York Assay Office and Philadelphia Mint to manufacturers and also upon replies received to circular letters sent out from this Office to manufacturers in every part of the United States. This represents the amount probably for the year 1881, although there was a great increase, possibly of fifty per cent, from what was consumed in 1876, and the increase from that time has probably been at a steady rate.

The value of a kilogram of fine gold, based upon 15'432 grains to the gram, is \$864.59%, the value of a kilogram of a standard gold, 900 fine, is \$598.13%.

Very respectfully,

R.E. Prentiss.

Acting Auditor.

Supt. Mint.

June 21, 1883.

New Orleans.

Sir:

It appears to have been the custom at your Mint since its establishment for some of the officers to occupy a portion of it as a residence. In the absence of any authority of law authorizing such occupation and deeming it objectionable in many respects to have families located in the Mint building and, because of the further fact that, that part of the building now occupied by these officers can be utilized to advantage in the operations of the Mint, you are hereby authorized and instructed to give notice to such persons as may now be residing in any part of the build-

and to vacate the same within thirty days from
the 1st proximo.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Approved,

Chas. J. Folger.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Supt. Assay Office.
New York.

June 21. 1883.

Sir,

I have examined and referred to the proper ac-
counting officers of the Department for examination
and settlement the Bullion accounts of your predecessor,
Pierre C. Van Wyck for the quarter ending December
31st 1882 with my approval.

Very respectfully

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Assay Office.
New York.

June 21. 1883.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of Pierre C. Van
Wyck's Bullion Accounts Abstracts and Vouchers for
the portion of the quarter ending April 25. 1883.

Very respectfully

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

June 21. 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir,

Requisition has this day been made upon the Printer for blank,

1000 Notices of shipment of Silver Dollars on C/S and 2000 Envelopes, as requested in your letter of the 19th instant; they will be mailed you as soon as received.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Supt. Mint.

June 21. 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir,

Requisition has this day been made upon the Printer for blank book of Silver Ingot Receipts No. 23, as requested in your letter of the 20th instant and will be mailed you as soon as received.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Supt. Mint.

June 21. 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir,

Your letter of the 19th inst enclosing statement of silver purchased in lots of less than Ten Thousand ounces at your Mint from the 1st to the 15th inst has been received.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Supt. Mint.
Philadelphia,

June 21, 1883.

Sir,

I have your letter of the 19th inst making inquiry whether the appropriation for the loss or redemption of minor coins will be available after the first of July for the redemption of such coins received up to the time of the Annual Settlement, and in reply I have to say that the appropriation covers all mutilated and uncurrent coins now in the vaults of the Treasury, and which may be presented during the fiscal year 1883.

Therefore the losses can be paid without any regard to time of redemption.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.
Philadelphia.

June 21, 1883.

Sir,

I return herewith your statement of silver purchased from June 1st to June 16th for correction.

You will observe that 93.91 ounces calculated at 109⁶ gives \$102.92, while the amount is extended as \$103.30, which would be correct if the price paid was 110 per ounce fine, which I am inclined to think is the case.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.
Philadelphia.

June 21, 1883.

Sir,

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for, as may be preferred, either in silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in silver dollars, to wit; of

<u>J & W. Seligman & Co</u>	25,000 ounces at	111.20
" " " " " "	25,000 " "	111.30
<u>Boston & Colorado Smelting Co</u>	35,000 " "	111.48
<u>Nandy & Cronise</u>	200,000 " "	111.47

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.
San Francisco.

June 21, 1883.

Sir,

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary & Refinery expense accounts for the month ending May 31, 1883, with my approval.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.
San Francisco.

June 21, 1883.

Sir,

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz; 1000 Circulars to Postmasters #202.

Very respectfully R. C. Preston. Acting Director.

Chas. J. Folger.
 Secretary of the Treasury.
 Sir,

June 21, 1883.

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the Assay Office at Charlotte N. C. to that of the Mint at Philadelphia, Pa. of the sum of Eight thousand Eight hundred and Fifty three ¹⁸/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$8,853.18) in gold coin, and Fifty ⁴⁴/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$50.44) in silver coin, making a total of Eight thousand nine hundred and three ⁶²/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$8,903.62) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte, for coinage as shown by Memorandum No 1005, dated June 16, 1883. of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

First Auditor
 Treasury Department.

June 22, 1883.

Sir,

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Ordinary and Standard Silver Dollar Expense accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans for the month ending May 31st 1883, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

H. C. Clements.

June 22, 1883.

Auditor A. T. & S. F. R. R. Co

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Sir:

By request of the Auditor I transmit you by current mail a supply of blank forms, envelopes and official stamps to be used in the preparation and transmittal of statements of shipments of ore and base bullion.

These forms were prepared for use in 1880, but can be utilized by changing the printed dates.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director

Supt. Mint.

June 22, 1883.

New Orleans.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary and Standard Silver dollar accounts for the month ending May 31st 1883. with my approval

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

June 22, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

In further reply to your letter of the 18th instant, requesting the return of the designs for the Hawaiian Coinage, and stating that it is important to have the work commenced at an early day, I have to say that my letter of the 8th instant contains necessary and full instructions for your engraver to

commence at once the preparation of the hubs, and in requesting sketches of the designs to be prepared for transmission to San Francisco. I did not suppose that you would send me the original and only designs you had, but that copies merely would be forwarded. I regret that this misunderstanding should cause any delay in the execution of the hubs, and telegraphed to Mr Claus Spickels to return the designs at his earliest convenience.

I trust that he has not sent them to the Hawaiian Islands.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge.
Boric City

June 23. 1883.

Sir;

I have to inform you that the following amounts have been appropriated for the support of your institution for the fiscal year ending June 30. 1884, namely Salaries, \$3,000, as follows;

Assayer	<u>\$2,000</u>
Clerk	<u>1,000</u>

Incidental and Contingent Expenses, including labor, \$5,000.

You will be expected to conform the expenses of your institution, under each head, to the amount appropriated by Congress for its support.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

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June 23. 1883.

Charlotte. S. C.

I have to inform you that the following amounts have been appropriated for the support of your institution for the fiscal year ending June 30. 1884, namely:

Salaries, \$2,750, as follows:

Assayer and Miller \$1800.

Assistant Assayer 1250.

✓ Incidental and Contingent Expenses, including labor, \$2,000.

You will be expected to conform the expenses of your institution, under each head, to the amount appropriated by Congress for its support.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Dye.

Acting Director. ✓

Supt. Mint.

June 23. 1883.

Carson

Sir:

I have to inform you that the following amounts have ~~been~~ appropriated for the support of your Mint for the fiscal year ending June 30. 1884, namely:

Salaries \$29,550 as follows:

Superintendent \$3,000.

Assayer 2,500

Melter and Refiner 2,500

Coiner 2,500

Assistant Assayer 2,000

Assistant Melter and Refiner. 2,000

Assistant Coiner. 2,000

Chief Clerk 2,250

Cashier 2,000

Bookkeeper 2,000

Weight Clerk 2,000

Abstract Clerk. 1,800

Register of Deposits.	\$ 1800.
Assayers Computation Clerk.	1200
Traces of Workmen and Adjusters	54,000
Incidental and Contingent Expenses.	25,000

You will be expected to conform the expenses of your Mint, under each head, to the amount appropriated by Congress for its support.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Walter Barr, Esq.

June 28. 1883.

New York City.

Sir:

Your letter of the 26th instant addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury requesting certain information in relation to the Trade Dollar - for what purpose it was originated, and what is its present legal position - has been referred to this office.

The Trade Dollar was authorized by the Coinage Act of Oct 12, 1873, and was not intended by the original framers of that Act to be a coin for circulation, but simply a given weight of bullion stamped with weight and fineness by the United States Mint in order to be more available for export to China, which has no national gold or silver coinage, but depends upon foreign nations for its circulation. At the time of the passage of this Act, the amount of bullion contained in the Trade Dollar was worth more than the intrinsic value; this fact would insure its being used for export, and not for circulation purposes. Nevertheless, the law made it a legal tender to the amount of four dollars in any one payment.

They were coined at the Mints for depositors of silver bullion at these institutions upon payment of the cost of refining and coining the bullion.

Trade Dollars were freely coined and exported, until the fall in the value of silver bullion brought the intrinsic value of the piece to less than its nominal value; and it became profitable to deposit silver at the mints for coinage into Trade Dollars, and place them in domestic circulation.

As this virtually defeated the purposes for which these coins were intended, their coinage was suspended by the Secretary of the Treasury by Joint Resolution of Congress, approved July 22, 1876, which deprived the Trade Dollar of its limited legal tender qualities, and authorized the coinage to be limited to such an amount only as would be sufficient to meet the export demand. The Trade Dollar therefore being no legal tender has a value only as bullion, and as such, is subject to the fluctuations of the silver market.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge.
Denver.

June 23, 1883.

Sir;

I have to inform you that the following amounts have been appropriated for the support of your institution for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1884, namely: Salaries, \$10,950, as follows:

Assayer in Charge	<u>\$ 2500.</u>
Miller	<u>2250</u>
Assistant Assayer	<u>1400</u>
Chief Clerk	<u>1800</u>
Clerk	<u>1600</u>
Clerk	<u>1400</u>
Wages of Workmen.	<u>12,000</u>
Incidental & Contingent Expenses.	<u>6000</u>

You will be expected to conform the expenses of your institution, under each head, to the amount

appropriated by Congress for its support
Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge.
Helena.

June 23, 1883.

Sir,

I have to inform you that the following amounts have been appropriated for the support of your institution for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1884, namely:

Salaries \$ 7,950. as follows:

Assayer in Charge	\$2,500
Melter	2,250
Chief Clerk	1,800
Clerk	1,400
Wages of Workmen	12,000
Incidental and Contingent Expenses.	8,000

You will be expected to conform the expenses of your institution, under each head to the amount appropriated by Congress for its support.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

New Orleans.

June 23, 1883.

Sir,

C. I. No. 28780 for \$326,373.54 being on account of profits on the coinage of Standard Silver Dollars enclosed in your communication, has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered with the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office.
New York.

June 23. 1883.

Sir:

I have to inform you that the following amounts have been appropriated for the support of your institution for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1884, namely: Salaries, \$39,250, as follows:

Superintendent	<u>\$45'00</u>
Assayer.	<u>3,000</u>
Melter and Refiner	<u>3,000</u>
Assistant Melter and Refiner.	<u>2,5'00</u>
Chief Clerk	<u>2,5'00</u>
✓ Weigh "	<u>2,5'00</u>
Cashier	<u>2,000</u>
Bookkeeper	<u>2,350</u>
Bar Clerk	<u>1,800</u>
Narrant "	<u>2,250</u>
Abstract "	<u>1,800</u>
Assayer's Computational Clerk	<u>1,800</u>
Assistant Weigh "	<u>1,600</u>
Register of Deposits	<u>1,250</u>
Assayer's First Assistant	<u>2,250</u>
Assayer's Second "	<u>2,150</u>
" Third "	<u>2,000</u>
Wages of Workmen	<u>25,000</u>
Incidental and Contingent Expenses	<u>10,000</u>

You will be expected to conform the expenses of your institution, under each head, to the amount appropriated by Congress for its support.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Supt. Mint.
New Orleans
 Sir,

June 23, 1883.

I have to inform you that the following amounts have been appropriated for the support of your Mint for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1884, ^{namely, \$21,900, as follows:}

Superintendent	\$ 3,500
Assayer	2,500
Melter and Refiner	2,500
Comptroller	2,500
Assistant Assayer	1,900
Assistant Melter and Refiner	1,900
Assistant Comptroller	1,900
Cashier	2,000
Chief Clerk	2,000
High " "	1,600
Abstract " "	1,600
Bookkeeper	1,600
Assayer's Computational Clerk	1,600
Register of Deposits	1,250
Tarrent Clerk	1,250
Assistant High " "	1,250
Cashier's " "	1,100
Wages of Workmen and Aquilias	74,000
Incidental and Contingent Expenses, including repairs and new machinery	\$ 35,000

You will be expected to conform the expenses of your Mint, under each head, to the amount appropriated by Congress for its support.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Mr. Hesse & Morgan.
Philadelphia, Pa.

June 23, 1883.

Sir,

I will thank you to inform me when the press for the Ajax Mining Press at the Carson Mint will be ready, and what will be the probable weight of the same, in order that I may give you the necessary instructions for shipping the same. It is very desirable that they should be completed and forwarded as early as possible.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston, Acting Director.

Supt. Mint, Philadelphia.

June 23, 1883.

Sir,

I have to inform you that the following amounts have been appropriated for the support of your Mint for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1884, namely: Salaries \$41,550, as follows:

Superintendent \$4,500. Assayer \$3,000. Melt & Refiner \$3,000

Comr 3,000. Engraver 3,000. Assistant Assayer 2,000

Asst Melt & Refiner 2,000. Asst Comr 2,000. Cashier 2,300

Chief Clerk 2,250. Bookkeeper 2,000. Abstract Clerk 2,000

Neigh " 2,000. Rigals & Dept 1,700. Navant " 1,700

Cashier " 1,700. ^{Comptroller} ~~Assayer~~ Clerk 1,600. Asst Neigh " 1,600

Wages of Workmen and Apprentices. 293,000

Incidental and Contingent Expenses, including new machinery and repairs, \$100,000. You will be expected to conform the expenses of your Mint, under each head, to the amount appropriated by Congress for its support.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston, Acting Director.

Supt. Mint, Philadelphia.

June 23, 1883.

Sir,

I have to request that you will cause to be prepared and forwarded to the Mint at Carson as early as practicable the following dies, 6 Reverse Eagle Dies, 6 Obverse Eagle Dies.

Very respectfully, R. C. Preston, Acting Director.

Supt. Minit. Philadelphia
Sir;

June 23. 1883.

I enclose you a letter from the Secretary of the Interior requesting certain information in relation to medals for the Indian Service. Please furnish me with the data requested, in order that I may reply to the Secretary. Return the Secretary's letter in your answer.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston. Acting Director.

Supt. Minit.
San Francisco.

June 23. 1883.

Sir:

I have to inform you that the following amounts have been appropriated for the support of your Minit for the fiscal year ending June 30. 1884. namely; Salaries \$43,400, as follows:

Superintendent	\$4500	Assayer	\$3,000	Melter and Refiner	\$3,000
Comin	3,000	Asst Assayer	2,500	Asst. " " "	2,500
Assistant Comin	2,500	Chief Clerk	2,500	Cashier	2,500
Bookkeeper	2,200	Abstract " "	2,200	High Clerk	2,200
Warrant Clerk	2,200	Register	2,000	Cashier " "	1,800
Assayer's Compensation	1,600	Asst High Clerk	1,600	Supt. Computation	1,600
Wages of Workmen and Adjusters	\$242,000	Incidental and Contingent Expenses	\$70,000		

You will be expected to conform the expenses of your Minit, under each head, to the amount appropriated by Congress for its support.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston. Acting Director.

Hon Chas. J. Folger.
Secretary of the Treasury.

June 23. 1883.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States in the name of C. J. Preston Superintendent of the U. S. Minit at San Francisco the sum of Two hundred and fifty thousand, Eight hundred

and thirty-nine dollars and eighty-six cents (\$250,839.86) on account of the profits on the coinage of Standard silver dollars, and that the Bullion Fund of said Mint be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston, Acting Director. ✓

Hon Chas. J. Folger.

June 23, 1883.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir;

I have the honor to transmit herewith statement and memorandums showing the tale value, net value, and loss by recoinage of present silver coins received by the Philadelphia Mint from various Sub Treasuries for recoinage, from which it appears that the tale value was \$21,205.04, the net value \$20,213.64, showing a loss of \$991.40 and for which sum the Treasurer of the United States should be reimbursed.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston, Acting Director. ✓

Assayer in Charge
St. Louis.

June 23, 1883.

Sir;

I have to inform you that the following amounts have been appropriated for the support of your institution for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1884, namely: Salaries \$35.00, as follows:

Assayer in Charge, \$2.500. Clerk, \$1,000

Incidental and Contingent Expenses including labor \$4800.

You will be expected to confirm the expenses of your institution, under each head, to the amount appropriated by Congress for its support.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston,

Acting Director. ✓

W. S. Washburn, Esq.
C/o J. B. Leppincott & Co.
715 & 717 Market St.

Philadelphia

June 23, 1883.

Sir:

The following Reports of the Director of the Mint have been mailed to you this day, as requested in your letter of the 22nd inst viz:

Production of precious metals in U. S. for 1880^{and} 1881.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

June 23, 1883.

New Orleans.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon special assay coin taken from the first deliveries in each week at your Mint during the month of May 1883 and forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations.

The coin was found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.